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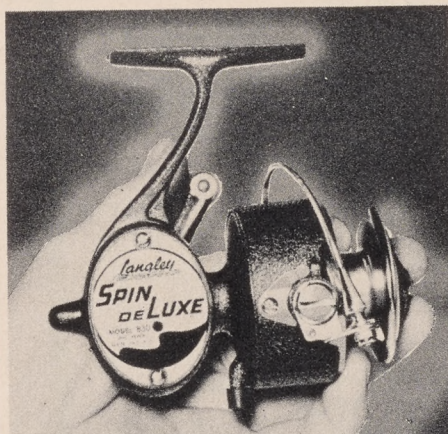
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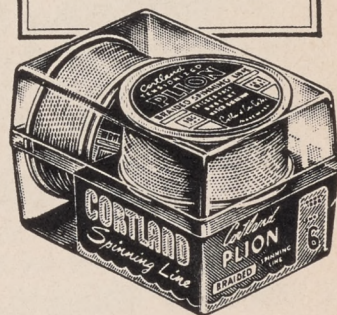


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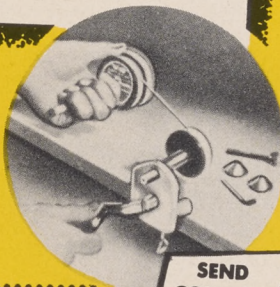
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As some of you know, our first Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide was a 24-page supplement to the four Chalfant Press weekly newspapers, but the demand was so great that several thousand extra copies were printed and sold. The 1954 edition contained 100 pages, with the same page size and format as that carried out in later issues. Nearly 20,000 copies were sold. Last year's Guide jumped to 164 pages, was more complete in every way, and was even more popular than its predecessors. Now, the 1956 edition is in your hands . . . and you can see for yourself that it is larger (180 pages), contains more color on inside pages to make it more attractive and effective, the scope is broadened to include articles and pictures on hunting, skiing, early history, sail-planing—in addition to fishing, packing, back-packing, and other closely related subjects.

Interest in the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide . . . and most certainly the entire Eastern High Sierra itself . . . has grown every year. It is reflected in the increasing number of sales and in the hundreds of fine letters we have received about the book. And, many people agree with us . . . that the Fishing Guide is doing more to publicize the Inyo-Mono "vacationland" than any other single piece of advertising. We feel that our publication has assumed an important place in Inyo-Mono . . . and in the rest of the state, where live the people who enjoy the Sierra sports so well.

So, we hope you like this 1956 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide. We hope you have a chance to read it carefully and to enjoy its 300 new scenic and fishing photos.

We also hope you take the trouble of mailing copies to your friends who also might like to enjoy this "sportsman's paradise." They'll certainly appreciate it.

And, most of all, we hope you'll plan a trip to our area this year—summer, fall, or winter—and see for yourself what we can only describe by word and picture.

No matter how good our photos and editorial descriptions, the real thing is much better—so magnificent and breathtaking, it's beyond description. As the old saying goes, "you've got to see it to believe it!"

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Mrs. A. G. Dyer of Hot Creek Hatchery, route 3, Bishop, was a mighty proud angler when she reeled in this beautiful 9 lb. 12 oz. Brown Trout on Crowley Lake in May of 1955. While not the largest trout of the season, by far, it still makes a nice cover picture. And of course, Mrs. Dyer adds to it. Mrs. Dyer hooked this 27½-inch Brownie while trolling with a chub off the lake's South Landing Point. She's an experienced angler and often catches some big ones in Crowley Lake. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).

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Let's Go Fishing In Inyo-Mono!

Have you ever visited the Inyo-Mono area of California's Eastern High Sierras? If you have, you already know how nice it is to hear the pleasant invitation: "Let's go fishing in Inyo-Mono!"

But there are hundreds of our readers . . . perhaps you . . . who have never been to this "sportsmen's paradise." And, we sincerely hope that the photos, articles, and other information, contained in this 1956 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide, will whet your appetite enough so that you will come up and have a "look-see" yourself.

Even those of you who have visited Inyo-Mono probably have never seen all the spots you would like, never have fished all the lakes and streams you want to, and probably haven't enjoyed all of the ever-changing scenery of the incomparable High Sierras. In fact, there are so many lakes and streams in the area (*estimated at more than 2,000*) that you could spend a whole lifetime in the mountains and never see them all.

Inyo-Mono is truly an ideal vacationland for you—no matter what you enjoy the most. You'll find excellent fishing for five species of trout—Rainbow, Brown, Cutthroat, Brook, and Golden—in the lower lakes and streams, and in the fabulous, almost-untouched back-country.

There are more than 100 public campgrounds and, of course, there are any number of lodges, resorts, motels, trailer parks which will provide the type of accommodations you wish. The Inyo-Mono area also has plenty of good restaurants, stores, service stations, and other businesses which provide supplies and services that visitors will need.

Deer hunting is good in the fall and pheasant, quail, and chukar hunting is becoming more popular every year. Plenty of good duck and goose hunting in the winter, too, especially around Topaz Lake and Crowley.

Skiing at Mammoth Mt. has become increasingly important and a record number of the snow fans have been regularly making the 300-mile trek from the Southland this winter. With the installation of the new 3500-foot double-chair lift in 1955, Dave McCoy's Mammoth Mountain ski-lift has become headquarters for most of southern California's skiing. There's almost always snow at Mammoth and the season usually extends from November to July.

And, if you don't particularly care to fish, hunt, or ski, you'll probably enjoy the High Sierras just as much—because the scenery is breathtakingly beautiful, the summer weather is cool and comfortable, and the air is always pure and invigorating—no smog or smoke here, that's for sure.

We think you'll like the folks up here, too. They're all nice and friendly—always anxious to help you enjoy your vacation the most. You'll enjoy meeting and talking to them, we know.

So, here's our invitation again: "Let's Go Fishing in Inyo-Mono." But, if you don't like fishing . . . just want to loaf around and leisurely enjoy life, come on up anyway. You'll have the best vacation you ever had!

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NEW 1956 INYO-MONO FISHING REGULATIONS

There are comparatively few new regulations affecting fishing in Inyo-Mono for the 1956 season. Even though there was considerable discussion about the reduction of the limit of trout from 15 to 10, the State Fish and Game Commission decided (*at their meeting in Los Angeles February 24*) to leave the limit as it has been (15 trout or 10 lbs and 1 fish, or 3 fish of any size) for at least another year.

Principal change in the local regulations is the opening of the Owens River from Pleasant Valley Dam (*north of Bishop*), south to Los Angeles Aqueduct Intake (*Tinnemaha*) for all year fishing. This means, then, that the Owens River will open with the rest of the area (*Saturday, April 28*) this year and will then stay open, summer and winter. Limit will be the same as elsewhere (15 trout, etc) anytime during the year.

This opening of the Owens River to year-round fishing is expected to be very pleasing to the sportsmen. Owens River is blessed with thousands of native Brown Trout, in addition to the generous supply of Rainbow "catchables" planted every year by the Dept. of Fish and Game. So the extending of the open season is not expected to deplete it seriously. And, it certainly will give the angler a chance to get some more good fishing, especially late in the Fall and early in the Spring.

Sportsmen will also be happy to know that they will be allowed to have two limits of trout in their possession three times during the season. This is expected to be especially popular with those who pack in to the back-country for several days and want to bring out more than one limit of trout. It will also eliminate much spoilage of fish by shipping.

This new regulation applies only to Inyo and Mono counties.

Other regulations of particular interest to Inyo-Mono anglers, which will be in effect this year, are:

1. Nevada regulations will generally apply to Topaz Lake, which is partly in California and partly in Nevada. It will open about a month earlier than California and the limit will be 10 fish, or 10 lbs. and one fish, or 5 fish of any size. Angling is allowed 2 hours after sunset on Topaz, whereas it is only legal one hour after sunset in California. Either a California or Nevada license is good for boat fishing anywhere on Topaz Lake. However, if you are fishing from the shore, you must have a license from the state in which you are standing.
2. There are a few special closures in Inyo and Mono Counties and they should be carefully checked with the official Digest of 1956 Angling Regulations released by the California Dept. of Fish and Game. All of them cannot be listed here, of course. Most of them are in the Crowley Lake area, on tributary streams, etc. Crowley Lake itself closes annually July 31.
3. Live native minnows will be allowed as legal bait again this year in Inyo and Mono County waters east of U. S. Highway 395 only. Principal lakes and streams affected are Owens River, Crowley Lake, Bridgeport Reservoir, East and West Walker River, and Topaz Lake.
4. The 1956 trout season will open in Inyo-Mono on Saturday, April 28. Fishing is legal from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

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Handy Strip Map of the Inyo-Mono Area

Bridgeport - Coleville - Topaz Lake

Lee Vining - Tioga
Mono Lake

June
Lake
Loop

Mam-
moth
Lakes

Rock Creek
Crowley

Bishop
Owens River

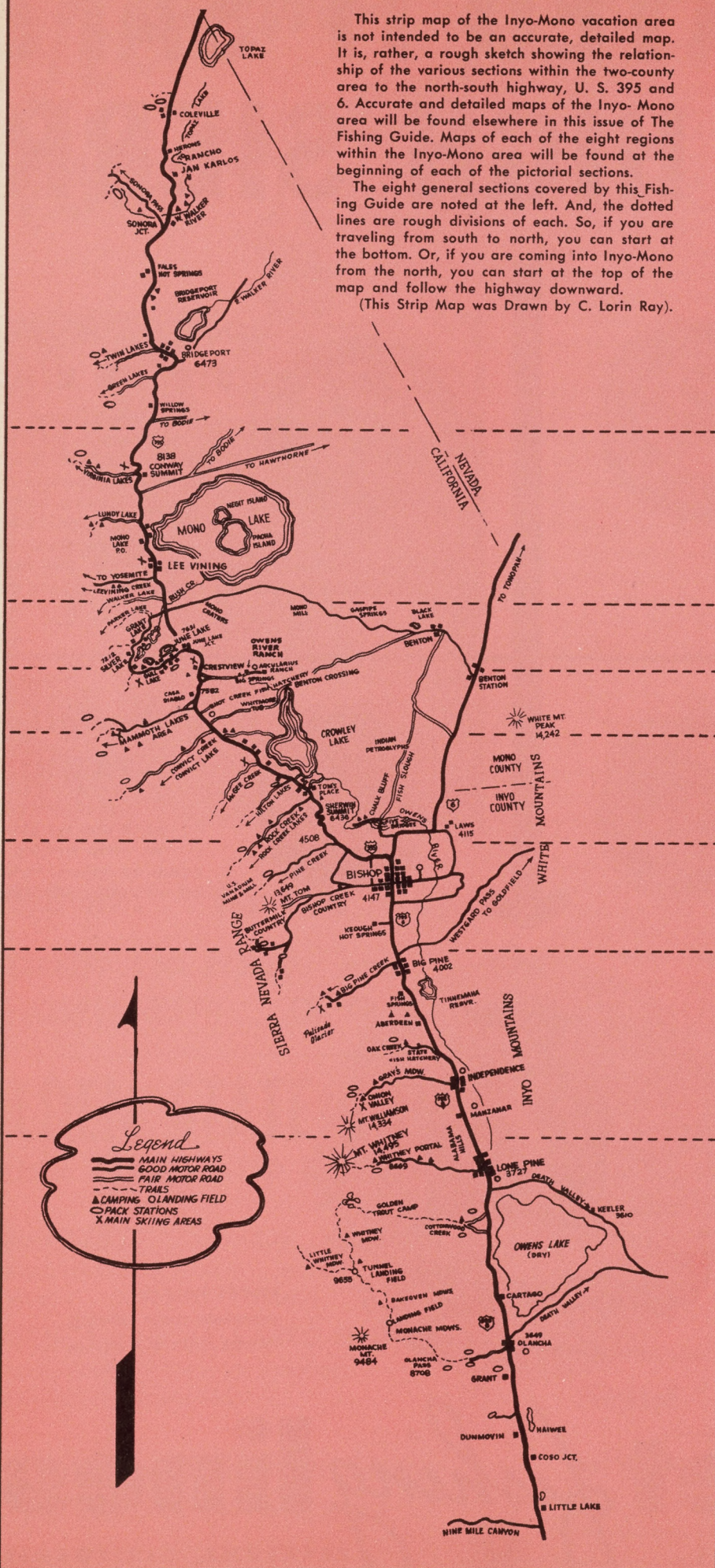
Independence
Big Pine

Little Lake - Lone Pine

This strip map of the Inyo-Mono vacation area is not intended to be an accurate, detailed map. It is, rather, a rough sketch showing the relationship of the various sections within the two-county area to the north-south highway, U. S. 395 and 6. Accurate and detailed maps of the Inyo-Mono area will be found elsewhere in this issue of The Fishing Guide. Maps of each of the eight regions within the Inyo-Mono area will be found at the beginning of each of the pictorial sections.

The eight general sections covered by this Fishing Guide are noted at the left. And, the dotted lines are rough divisions of each. So, if you are traveling from south to north, you can start at the bottom. Or, if you are coming into Inyo-Mono from the north, you can start at the top of the map and follow the highway downward.

(This Strip Map was Drawn by C. Lorin Ray).



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There are many reasons why you'll like Inyo-Mono; but two of the most important are its size and diversity, as indicated by the strip map on the left.

In Inyo-Mono, if you tire of one area, or the fish don't seem to be hitting the way they should be, you can move on to any number of other lakes and streams. You are not "stuck" in one spot as you might be in other areas less endowed with Nature's blessing.

Full description, and plenty of scenic and fishing photos, are included for each of the eight Inyo-Mono regions in the pictorial sections starting on page 64 of this Guide. However, a brief resume of what you can expect to find in these areas (from north to south to correspond with the accompanying strip map) will be found below:

TOPAZ TO BRIDGEPORT—Excellent trout fishing and deer hunting (in season) in this area. Topaz Lake, partly in Nevada and partly in California, produces good Cutthroats and many big Rainbows and Browns. West and East Walker Rivers are always good. Fine back-country lakes. Bridgeport Reservoir is usually good and the Twin Lakes (south and west of Bridgeport) are always popular. Green Lakes are easy to reach and good fishing. (See pages 164-177).

LEE VINING-TIOGA—While this area is small, it is very popular. Virginia Lakes and Lundy are easy to reach and quite good. Lee Vining Creek is excellent, all the way up the Tioga Pass Road. Also, plenty of good lakes and streams in this area, including Elery, Saddlebags, Tioga, etc. (See pages 156-163).

JUNE LAKE LOOP—This area has long been one of Inyo-Mono's biggest drawing cards. There's good fishing on June, Gull, Silver, and Grant Lakes, with biggest ones usually caught on the latter. Good back-country, too, with plenty of Goldens. Variety of stores, lodges, motels in June Lake Village and nearby. (See pages 142-155).

UPPER OWENS-MAMMOTH LAKES—Excellent stream fishing on Upper Owens River near Arcularius Ranch and Owens River Ranch. Good fishing, excellent accommodations, top skiing (November-July), in the Mammoth Lakes region, including Twin Lakes, and Lake Mary, Mamie, George, Horseshoe. Good back-country nearby, too. Reds Meadow is especially good at San Joaquin river. (See pages 128-141).

CROWLEY LAKE-ROCK CREEK—Lots of good fishing in this area. At the northern end are Convict Lake and Hot Creek—both quite popular. Crowley Lake needs no introduction. To the west are Hilton Lakes, McGee Creek, Hilton Creek, and others. The Rock Creek area is quite popular, all the way up to Rock Creek Lake and beyond—an ideal area for fishing and camping. Good back-country to be reached by trails here, too. (See pages 116-127).

OWENS RIVER-BISHOP—Good fishing in the Owens River Gorge at the north, but trout are usually small. Catch the big ones from Birchim Canyon on south. Wealth of fishing on all forks of Bishop Creek, on up as far as South Lake, North Lake, and Lake Sabrina. Excellent back-country in Sabrina Basin, over Piute, Bishop Passes. (See pages 90-114).

BIG PINE-INDEPENDENCE—Excellent stream fishing on Big Pine Creek. Top back-country angling on several Big Pine Lakes, reached by trail. Fishing usually good on small streams to the south, many crossing U. S. Highway 395, especially early in the season when water is higher. Excellent back-country reached by trail from Fort Independence and Onion Valley. (See pages 78-88).

LONE PINE-LITTLE LAKE—Good stream fishing on Lone Pine Creek and on up to Whitney Portal, close to good road. Wealth of fine lakes on Mt. Whitney Trail and excellent back-country nearby. To the south are Cottonwood Lakes, Tunnel, Monache, Kern River, etc.—all reached by pack train or plane. Plenty of good fishing, including Goldens, and excellent deer hunting in season. (See pages 64-77).

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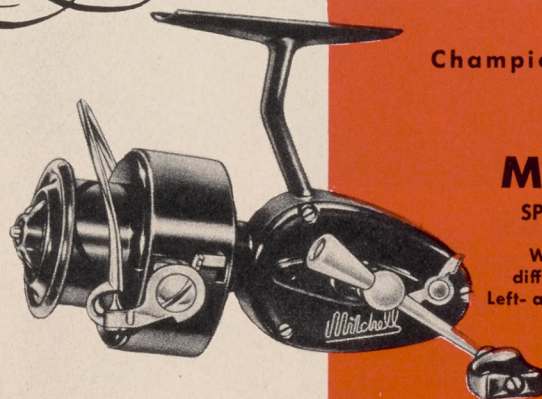
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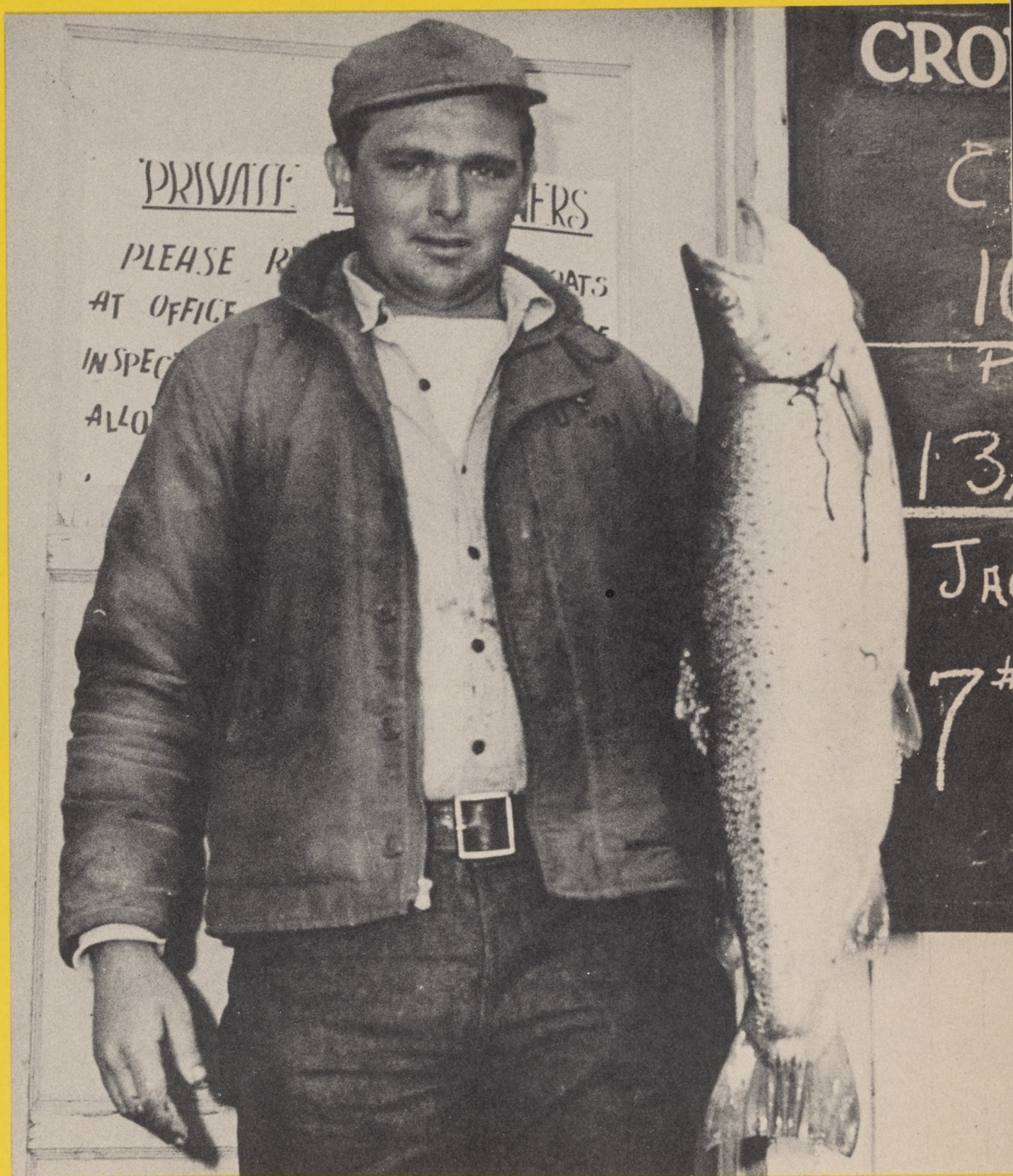
In spite of snow, cold, and wind, the 1955 trout season got off to an auspicious start on April 30 when Paul Jennings of Pico led the opening day crowd with a fine 13¼ lb. Brown. There were other dandies boated that day, too, many of them weighing more than 7 lbs.

And, on May 3, only four days later, Jack Leavitt of Northridge hooked a 17 lb. 5 oz. Brownie—a real trophy which was to stand up as the largest fish caught on Crowley Lake—or in all of Inyo-Mono—for the year 1955.

So, hail to the "king fish."

Leavitt caught his 1955 prize-winner while trolling near the South Landing with an F-7 Flatfish with red dots. While his fish was not as large as the all-time Crowley record "tackle-buster," a 19 lb. 5 oz. Brown caught by Burke Vinklemulder of El Monte in 1950 it certainly was a fine trout—one of the three or four largest ever caught on the lake.

A survey of the trophies caught in Inyo-Mono during the past



season indicated that, by and large, there were more larger trout taken in 1955 than in the previous year. One important reason appeared to be the legalizing of native live bait on waters east of U. S. 395, which undoubtedly had an effect on fishing in such places as Crowley Lake, Owens River, West and East Walker Rivers. And, for some unapparent reason, several large trout were taken on Lake Mary and Twin Lakes in the Mammoth region, where the fishing is usually good, but the trout fairly small. Another area which produced many fine-sized Brownies was Birchim Canyon on the Owens River. And, as usual, Upper Owens came through with its share. In Northern Mono County, some good-sized trout were taken on Topaz Lake, East Walker River, and West Walker River. Some good ones were also taken on Grant Lake, farther to the south.



● **BASE CAMP**—In a beautiful setting of tall pine trees, rippling streams, and the unusual tall granite spires known as "The Minarets," the Sierra Club held one of its base camps in the summer of 1955. About 175 people, many of them on their first trip to the High Sierras, made their camp in the area pictured in the photo above (and immediately adjacent). The Minarets are plainly visible at the top of photo. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

Sierra Clubbers in the Sierras

... by TOM HENDERSON

If you have ever walked a mountain trail and have seen a flashing cup hooked over a fellow hiker's belt, chances are that cup had 'Sierra Club' stamped on the bottom. It's the badge of the Sierra Clubber and points him out from the occasional mountaineer you see bent over some stream bank trying to manage a drink of chilling spring water. Perhaps you have wondered just a little, as I have, about who these people are and what they do. My curiosity got the best of me last year when the notice appeared that a 1955 Sierra Club Base Camp would be located at the head of Minaret Creek Valley, not far from Reds Meadow on the North Fork of the San Joaquin River. I hiked the seven short miles to their camp and took a look.

When I topped the final rise and walked between well hidden tents, I was immediately impressed by the order and neatness of the area. Surely there could not be the reported 175 persons camped here in this single location. I checked in with Peter Friedrichsen, camp master.

Yes, it was true! Counting the commissary group there were about 175 persons in this second two-week base camp period. Of course many of them, like Cliff Youngquist, base camp manager, were off on backpacking trips into the fantastic canyons of the Minaret region. Others were taking a dip in one of the nearby alpine tarns. And some could be seen just loafing around camp.

I was mainly interested in talking to a typical group who might be on their first base camp trip with the Sierra Club, so Pete introduced me to the Nitz family of Palo Alto. Charles and Elizabeth have been members of the Sierra Club for three years. Their wonderfully effervescent children, Lynn 12, and Sharon 7, were along to round out the group. None of them had ever been on a High Sierra outing before and they were anxious to tell me about it.

First, what are the base camps? They are simply areas picked out annually by the Sierra Club where members can sign up and spend a wonderful one to six weeks' period in the backcountry of the Sierra. In 1955 it happened to be the Minaret area.

Charge for these planned outings is a nominal \$50 per person for a two-week period. When you see the huge piles of dunnage, supplies, and food packed in, you have no idea how it can all be done for that amount of money. Of course if you ride a horse to camp from the end of the road you must pay additional for the luxury; however there were few who rode on this occasion. Most preferred to leisurely stroll the 7 miles, through the fragrant pines and past the tumbling streams, to the base of 'A' Minaret.

Charlie Nitz told me that families were especially welcome on these outings, although the group was well sprinkled with single men and women. I was amazed at the number of young

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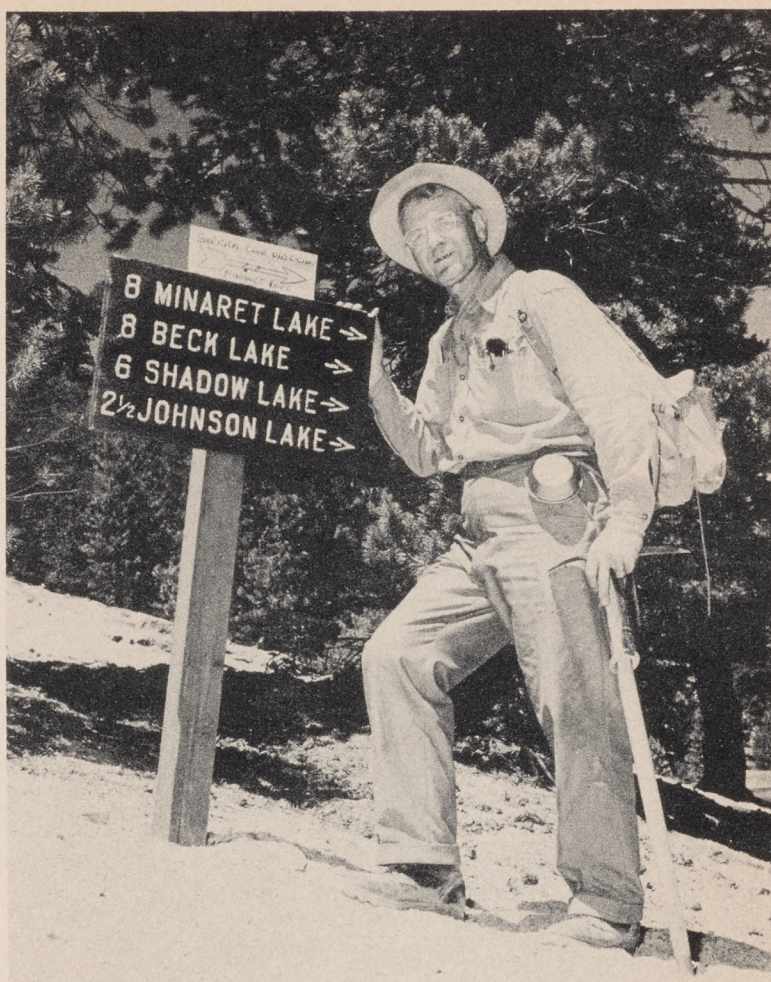


SIERRA CLUB GROUP RIDES ACROSS SAN JOAQUIN RIVER



● ABOVE—Peter Friedrichsen (*extreme left*), camp manager of the first two-weeks' session of the Sierra Club base camp at Minaret Valley, looks on as Jerry Martin (*center*), cook, stirs up some chow for supper. Also watching the proceedings are Don Richards, assistant cook, and Charlotte Youngquist, camp hostess. The food will be good. (Photos by Tom Henderson).

● RIGHT—Cliff Youngquist, field manager for the base camp at Minaret Lake, pauses at a sign near the San Joaquin River crossing at Reds Meadow. Youngquist, a veteran at Sierra Club outings, does a fine job every year.



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NITZ FAMILY ENJOYS TARN NEAR BASE CAMP

(Photos by Tom Henderson)

SIERRA CLUB CAMP

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people in camp. Charlotte Youngquist, camp hostess, mentioned there were about 60 persons under 16 years of age in this group—the youngest being about 5 years old. The Sierra Club is doing a good job of spreading conservation and outdoor ideals to this younger group.

I was informed the whole group was divided into three sections—*Ambler*s, *Ramblers*, and *Scramblers*. First group included those who wished to take things easy as possible; the second those who wished to explore other lakes, streams, and country surrounding the camp; and the latter those rugged individuals who glory in vertical ascents and granite spires. It seemed like a wonderful classification.

Elizabeth Nitz insisted her family was in the *Ambler* class since they came to the Sierra backcountry for a complete rest. As

they pulled on bathing suits I agreed that the pressure of freeways, traffic tie-ups, and crowded streets was nowhere in this area. I followed them to a nearby tarn and watched the children lazily splash around in the cool mountain water. It was all very nice.

I was curious about the organization involved in this sort of outing since everything seemed to move along at a remarkably smooth pace. I was assured that few problems exist because there is a purpose to everything done around camp. The sanitary areas are surrounded by canvas and are called "burlaps." No one goes to the toilet . . . you go to the "burlap." When you enter, you hang your ever-present cup on the outside as a busy signal and take it with you when you leave. Rule number one is: never get caught with your cup down. More than a few camp activities revolve around this shiny "badge" of metal.

There's an education to be had here, too. Helen Sharsmith was the camp naturalist and she took it upon herself to place a small namestake next to more than a hundred trees and plants adjacent to camp. Anyone interested in the names of shrubs and flowers had no trouble obtaining the information on the local flora. It was a fine project and Helen's reward was a well polished Sierra Club cup.

The camp bulletin board contains an accurate record of every trout taken by any member of the outing. Fishing is not one of the primary objects of the organization and few trout per person are actually brought back to camp. However, the results of the total trout catch provide interesting information for the anglers.

Dirty clothes are no particular problem. Several pots of water stood steaming on campfires near the commissary. When you wash clothes you take what water you need and replace it with a fresh bucket from the stream. That way there is always plenty of hot water. The men in camp who are on their first base camp outing are charged with keeping up the supply of firewood. These and many other things go to make up a close-knit and well organized group. It has to work this way, or 175 people, most of whom have never been closely associated with each other, would never be able to get along so well. It speaks well for those who set up the organization.

I finally met Cliff Youngquist, base camp leader, swinging across Reds Meadow on the day the final group of campers were coming for their two-week stay. Cliff is a ruddy Swede who gives the impression he is well qualified to keep things organized on these outings. He has a tremendous responsibility as leader, since he and his small staff manage the entire operation in the field. The success of such an outing depends upon the judgment of men such as Cliff Youngquist.

We stood at one end of Reds Meadow where a cool natural soda spring bubbles out of the ground and talked about the Sierra Club. It wasn't long before Cliff produced a small plastic flask of 'medicinal brandy' along with an extra cup and we drank to the wonderful high country. One sip and I had a sneaking suspicion this medicinal brandy was a darn good brand of scotch. Standing there with the mountain breeze blowing out of the pines and across the cool meadow, I realized here was a man doing a fine job for a lot of busy people in this country.

This organization, dedicated to preserving the wilderness areas and furthering conservation efforts throughout the United States, has their headquarters in San Francisco. The Base Camp isn't the only outing provided by the Sierra Club. During 1955 they put together 27 trips, ranging from three two-week Base Camp periods near Minaret Lake to high country trips in British Columbia. In between these extremes were knapsack trips in the Kings River Basin, Mt. Whitney area, and Washington's wilderness area; high country trips to the Yosemite region and the Grand Tetons; burro trips for the family in the Kings River backcountry; and finally there were seven boat trips through the Green and Yampa canyons of the fabulous Dinosaur National Monument region in Utah and Colorado.

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A Brief Review . . . of The 1955 SPORTS SEASON IN INYO-MONO

In most respects, 1955 was a good year in Inyo-Mono. While stormy weather slowed down the early season fishing and camping, larger-than-ever crowds of visitors poured into the High Sierras during July and August—more than making up, in many cases, for the slow early season business. Unofficial records show an increase in the number of deer hunters in 1955 and the crowds at Mammoth Mountain ski slopes have more than doubled since the new double-chairlift has been installed.

Here is a brief summary of the various sports activities in Inyo-Mono during 1955. More detailed information will be found elsewhere in this issue of the 1956 Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide.



- **FISHING**—Even though the opening was delayed on Crowley Lake until 6 a.m., because of high winds, a record-breaking throng of 6,916 anglers in 1,886 boats invaded the "lair of the tackle busters" on the first day of the season, April 30. This was a substantial increase from the previous record, set in 1954, when 6,161 fishermen in 1,496 boats tried their luck on Crowley, second day of the season. Best catch reported first day was a 13¼ lb. Brown caught by Paul Jennings of Pico. Heavy snow and cold weather slowed down the fishing on the second day, but many of the visiting sportsmen took to the low-elevation streams where the wind and snow were not such a problem. Their results were fair-to-good. Jack Leavitt of Northridge caught the largest trout of the season May 3—a beautiful 17 lb. 5 oz. Brownie. Weekend angling was hampered through May and early June by threatening weather, but July, August, and September were much better.



- **CAMPING**—As usual, thousands of folks took advantage of the fine public camps set up and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service throughout the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests in the Eastern High Sierra. An estimated 140,000 people, from all parts of the United States, used these camps—making Inyo National Forest the fourth highest national forest in the U. S. in its use for recreational purposes.

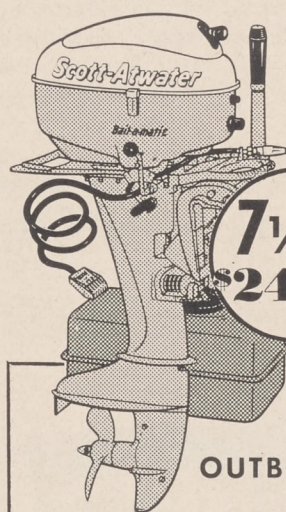
- **HUNTING**—Although definite figures are not available, most observers agree there was an increase in the number of deer hunters in Inyo-Mono this year. The kill, however, showed a drop from the record-breaking previous year. A total of 2,392 deer were killed in Inyo and Mono counties, by far the most being taken in the latter. Pheasant and quail hunting were fair. Early season duck and goose hunting were poor, but it picked up considerably during the second half of the season—especially around Topaz Lake, Crowley Lake, and the hot springs at Benton. Special doe shoots in Inyo and Mono counties were held following the regular season. A total of 144 tule elk were also killed in a special Owens Valley season.



- **PACKING AND BACK-PACKING**—Most pack stations throughout the area report a sharp increase in business during the 1955 season. Hikers and back-packers also were frequent sights along the mountain trails. For example, a total of 6,010 persons registered at the foot of Mt. Whitney and 2,100 made it to the top. Other High Sierra trails were used extensively, too.
- **SKIING**—Use of the Mammoth Mountain ski slopes has more than doubled during the last two months of the 1955 and early 1956 season, according to Dave McCoy, owner-operator, who installed a 3,500-foot chair lift last summer. The phenomenal growth of skiing in the area has caused several new lodges to be constructed, others to be expanded and remodeled, and some to shift their sights principally from summer to winter business. Popularity of the Mammoth chair lift is expected to keep on increasing and more improvements are planned.



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Bait and Fly Fishing**

One suggestion, made several times by readers of the Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide, is: "Why don't you have some articles giving us more information on how to catch fish in the High Sierras. You tell us where they are, how to get there, where to camp—and just about everything else—but we need a little help on catching them."

We think this point well taken. We know that a lot of sportsmen aren't catching the number of trout they should because they are using the wrong type of tackle, etc. So, we decided to get some technical help from three of our local fishermen. We don't claim they are the best in Inyo-Mono; but all of them are highly successful in their particular type of fishing and all were kind enough to write their "fishing tips" for our new book. We think they are good. We hope they will be quite helpful to you.

Jack Rhoads writes his ideas on "Bait Fishing on the Owens River." He catches more than his share of the big Brownies on this

stream so his suggestions on how, when, and where to fish might help you. Gladys Walker has had more luck in catching the big ones on Crowley Lake than any other woman hereabouts. In 1953 she caught an 18 lb. 9 oz. Brownie and she tells about it in her article on "Trolling on Crowley Lake." And, we called on our own cameraman, Tommy Henderson, to give you tips on "Fly Fishing in High Sierra Streams." He's a recognized authority on the subject, occasionally writes in national magazines. Many of you veteran fishermen will differ with the methods and suggestions made; but we think they will be helpful, especially to the inexperienced fishermen. At least we hope so... EDITOR.

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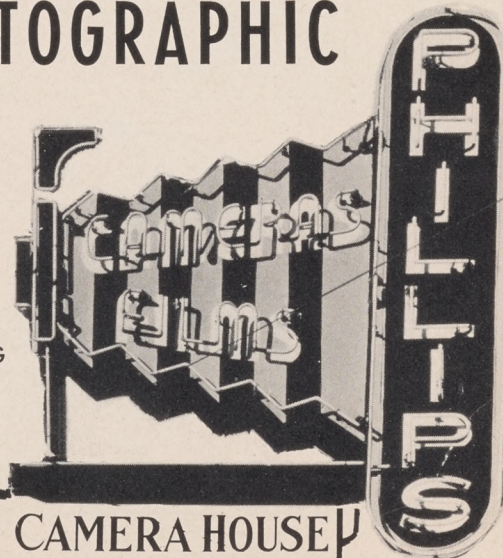
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BAIT FISHING ON LOWER OWENS RIVER

... by JACK RHOADS

I like bait fishing and, when I have good luck, I usually always catch Brown Trout. I like to fish for the big ones, and that's what I hook up for. But, of course, they're not always as big as I would like. In fact, like any other fisherman, I sometimes get "skunked."

I like to fish the Owens River best, and the things which I have learned about bait fishing seem to work well in the area between Birchim Canyon and Five Bridges, north of Bishop. However, I think they apply to other High Sierra streams—especially the large ones. I don't claim to know all there is about trout fishing. Guess nobody does. But I have learned a few things about bait fishing during the past 10 years I have worked the Inyo-Mono streams and I have been fortunate enough to catch a lot of pretty good sized trout. So, in the hopes that any suggestions I can make will improve your luck, I am glad to offer them for what they are worth.

Main thing is to make everything look natural. Pick a natural bait—something that can be found in or near the stream at that particular time—and be sure to offer it in a natural manner. Helgramites are especially good in the early spring, but any natural hatch is good, including locusts, grasshoppers, salmon flies, etc. I use a lot of minnows, too. Trout feed on one thing at a time and, if they're eating minnows, that's about all they'll take at that time. If in doubt on bait, try worms. They're usually always good and can be readily taken along.

I use a spinning outfit, 6 lb. test monofilament line, and no leader. I like a No. 6 mustad barbless-shank hook. Be sure it's forged so it will be strong. Big trout will often straighten the others out.

I tie my hooks right on the end. I lose a lot of hooks because I'm fishing the bottom all the time and often get snags. In fact, my wife and I use about 1000 hooks each season. With minnows I use a 2-hook set-up, with top hook adjustable. Usually I pick about a 3-inch minnow, put the No. 6 single hook through the nose, and leave a treble hook on end of the line, with one barb through the minnow's tail. I never worry about the hook showing. For worms, grasshoppers, helgramites, etc. I usually use a No. 6 or 8 hook.

Generally speaking, fishing on the river is best in May, June, late September, and October. In the summer months, as a rule, it's not so good. Also, generally speaking, the best time to fish is from 4 p.m. till dark. This doesn't hold true always, of course, and often you'll catch some good fishing in the early morning. And, because it's good one morning or evening is no sign it will be good the same time the



AUTHOR "JACK" RHOADS

next day. But, that's the chance you have to take.

Like I say, I like to fish for the big ones and when I catch them they are usually Browns. Don't remember of catching a single Rainbow on the river last summer, although there are plenty of them there. If you want them, you'll have to fish higher in the water. I fish on the bottom.

Most likely spot to find Brownies is at the edge of a deep, quiet pool, at the spot where the swift water is running in. Make your cast into the swift water above the pool and let it bounce along the bottom into the pool.

For weight I usually use about 3 no. 7 split shot, about 12 inches above the hook—that is, if the water is traveling at about 250 second feet. If it's going faster, you'll have to use a little more weight, to keep it on the bottom. Try to make your first cast the best, so the bait will be carried downstream just as you want it. If you make several casts into the likely looking spots, and don't get any action, you'd better move on. Those fish are not interested in your bait . . . at least then.

Because of the work on the dam, the water level on the Owens River varies considerably from day-to-day and hour-to-hour. Best fishing, as a rule, is when the water is moderately low and reasonably clear. But you are most likely to catch the big ones when the water is higher and faster. Then I nearly always use minnows.

In the Owens River, below the dam, I fish in the middle of the stream. In the Upper Owens the trout are usually along the banks under the rocks.

That's about all the general advice I can give a would-be bait fisherman. An important thing to learn, however, is patience. If you don't succeed, try, try again. And don't get the idea there aren't any trout in the river. There are thousands and thousands of them. One of these days you'll get the knack, pull out a big one, and get the thrill of your life.

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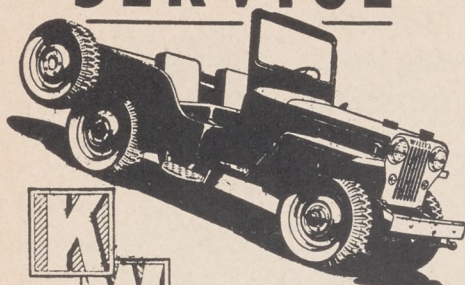
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FLY FISHING ON HIGH SIERRA STREAMS

. . . by TOM HENDERSON

So you want to catch more trout! Okeh, you've lashed the water to a froth with salmon egg, worm, and cluster but those lunkers have done nothing to your offering but turn up their tails. On occasions they have been absolutely insulting. If you haven't bent a No. 12 Hare's Ear on the end of a 1½ pound tippet and let the whole rig settle delicately on the surface of some smooth water, you've missed half the pleasure of trout fishing—plus the chance to load your creel when other methods have you skunked. Let's take a look at fly fishing.

First you have to "go light." Toss that 20 pound leader and deep sea tackle in the nearest dump and pick up a 5 ounce 8½ foot rod, double tapered line, and single action reel. Don't think you have to spend your last sou for this gear because you



AUTHOR TOM HENDERSON

don't need the best on the market. Sure, most anglers have a basement full of gimmicks and expensive equipment. I'm no exception. But a great deal of expensive tackle is made to catch fishermen, not fish.

One or two more points about this tackle. For durability stick to a glass rod. You won't have to spend so much time keeping it in shape which means you can spend more time near the trout. A little extra money on an oiled silk line will be well worth it too.

There's only one thing a reel can do and that's wind up your line. You can get something that will do a highly satisfactory job of this for around five dollars. Two or three knotless tapered leaders, a few flies, and the whole outfit will be less than 25 bucks. Gather up your gear and let's get out on the stream.

From here on in common sense will help you more than anything else. Take the wet fly first. Anyone knows the natural feed below the surface of the water has to be either alive or dead. If it's alive it's

probably kicking around and moving along with the current. Treat your fly the same way. Toss it across and diagonally upstream near the far bank. Let it sink and retrieve with short erratic jerks. First thing you know "Old Fighter" will be out from under that bank and fast to the end of your tapered leader. Play him easy 'cause that light tippet won't stand much strain.

If those short tugs on the fly aren't producing anything, move to a new position and see how the trout like something dead. Toss the fly across the stream the same way, only this time let it bounce along the bottom on a slack line. Could be that big one is too lazy to go after something with a lot of motion. He may choose to ease out into the stream and merely inhale your fly. Be ready on this one cause the tug will be steady until you set the hook.

Now let's put just a little refinement into this fly fishing. If you see trout rising and they won't take a thing you've tossed at them, get out a dry fly and bend it on one of those tapered 1½ pound test leaders. Pick out a fresh section of water and head upstream! Get this straight from the beginning, *you can't properly work a dry fly while moving downstream!*

The reason is simple. Dry flies imitate something dead floating on the surface and if the stream current tugs on your line and consequently drags your fly across the surface of the water you might as well reel in and try a new pool. It's almost impossible to get a perfect float with no drag while you're fishing downstream. The only way to do it right is to cast upstream, settle the fly delicately on the surface, and let it float toward you. Keeping the rod tip high will help the drag problem too. Don't worry about the slack line. When the big one rises and you snap back on the rod tip, that action will be transmitted right down the full length of the line—slack and all.

One main point about the dry fly. You have to keep it *dry!* If it sinks, you're sunk! There are dozens of preparations on the market which will do a fair job of keeping your fly on the surface. Mucelin is the best. When you take a trout and your fly looks like it had just been stepped on by a number 14 hip boot, grab it by the eye and swish it around in the water. Trout saliva is wonderful as a leader sink but it's murder on a dry fly. After it's washed, apply a little Mucelin, give it a couple of false casts and you're ready to let it settle gently over another pool. Don't try to short cut this extra effort. It pays off in bulging creels.

Okeh, you're set with the basic ideas. Volumes are written on the refinements of fly fishing but you'll pick them up as you go along. Like most anglers, you'll also pick up a few opinions that aren't published. If you're a die-hard cluster caster or salmon egger, chances are you won't be tossing away your lead weights and hawser leaders. But give the fly a try. You'll like it.

TROLLING ON FAMOUS CROWLEY LAKE

... by GLADYS WALKER

Some people cast from the shore and others have good luck still-fishing from boats. But, by and large, most of the really big "tackle-busters" on Crowley Lake are caught by trolling... and that's what I like best. In fact I get myself a boat and go out on the lake every chance I get.

I've had pretty good luck on Crowley for the past several years. Caught some real nice trout. But, of course, my biggest thrill was when I landed my 18 lb. 9 oz. Brownie July 3, 1953.

I was fishing with my husband Howie (*who, incidentally, is an outstanding fisherman himself*) and he was having all the luck. We had been trolling several days and he already had boated four beautiful trout, all weighing over 8 lbs. I was beginning to think I'd never score.

Then it happened. Howie was in another nearby boat, helping them tie some leaders, when my line appeared to catch bottom—as it had done many times before. But, then the line started moving out and



AUTHOR GLADYS WALKER

STEVE LUKACIK PHOTO

I knew it wasn't just a snag. Howie jumped back in our boat and the fun began. For about 25 or 30 minutes this big fellow circled the boat, taking more and more line, then sounding for about 10 minutes on the bottom of the lake in about 95 feet of water.

Up he came, finally, and what a thrill it was to see those two fins again on top of the water, about two feet apart, circling the boat about three times before he finally came in with his tummy side up—a mighty tired trophy. Howie netted him at just the right time and grabbed him with both arms, to keep him from flopping out. When we got our prize to the Crowley scales, he weighed 18 lbs. 9 oz, and was 32½ inches in length and 32 inches around the girth. What a fish! What a thrill!

Don't suppose I'll ever catch another fish that large, but I keep trying. I know there are some bigger than that in Crowley and I'd certainly like to get them on my line.

Can't always expect to get them that big, but there are an awful lot of nice

trout in Crowley and, if any of the things I have learned by fishing it will be of help to some of our angler visitors who read this, I will be happy. Here are my suggestions:

Use about a 6 or 8 lb. test leader chub rig. These you can buy at most any tackle store. Two treble hooks are best.

Use a good flexible rod and a sturdy reel. The line should be about 12 lb. test and, if you use a sinker, use about a ⅝ oz.

Troll out back about 75 feet. Don't troll fast, just slow and steady. When turning your boat always make a wide swing, out and around. Keep the rods in a steady spot. For example, if there are four trolling, leave one rod straight out on the left of the boat, another straight out on the right, and the other two out back about even with the rear corners of the boat.

Long rods are best for four, say 7½ or 8 ft. Or you can use two long ones on the outside and two short ones in the middle. When there are only three in a boat it is much easier to keep the lines from tangling.

Crowley Lake has several good trolling spots around the north and south landings

and down the channel, but be sure to keep the big ones out of the rocks. You'll lose them sure.

I use live minnows for trolling a lot, but many times fishing is better with lures. If you use the latter, pick a large one with lots of action. There are several good ones on the market.

If you should feel a pull like you're snagged on the bottom of the lake, let your line out with the thumb always riding lightly on the reel. Be sure that your reel is on "free spool." Then, when you do get a bump, you can let it out a little at a time, giving the fish some line.

There is usually plenty of time to bear back. Holding your thumb tightly on your spool will set the hook. Never jerk it. Always pull rather slow and steady.

Never get disappointed if the fish doesn't stay on. It happens to everyone—even the best fishermen. Lots of real big ones have been lost. So, relax, don't get excited. Remember, you could have lost him after fighting him for 30 minutes, and that would be even more disappointing. After all, it's mostly luck.

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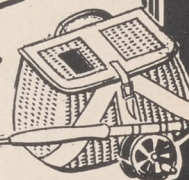
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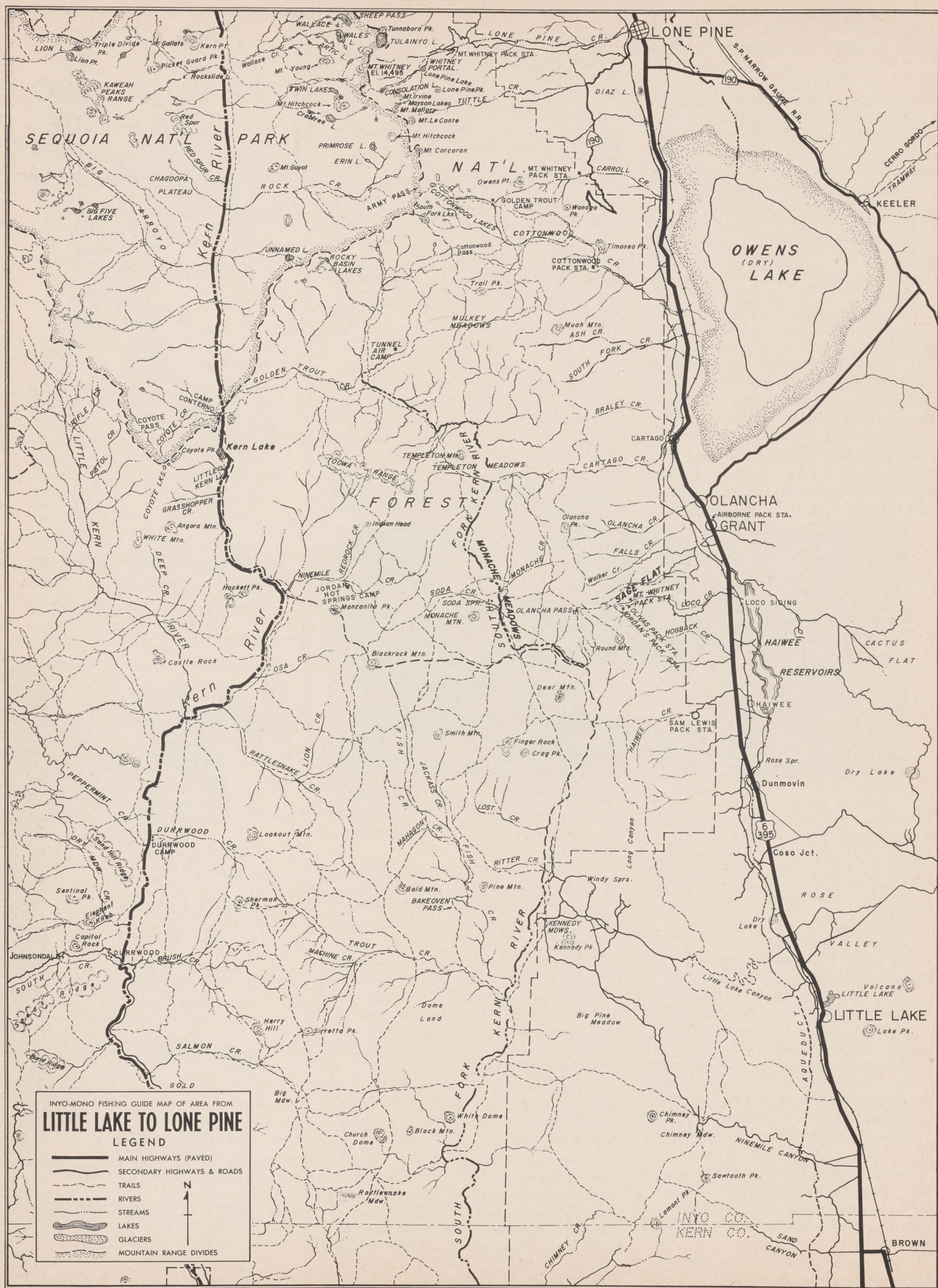
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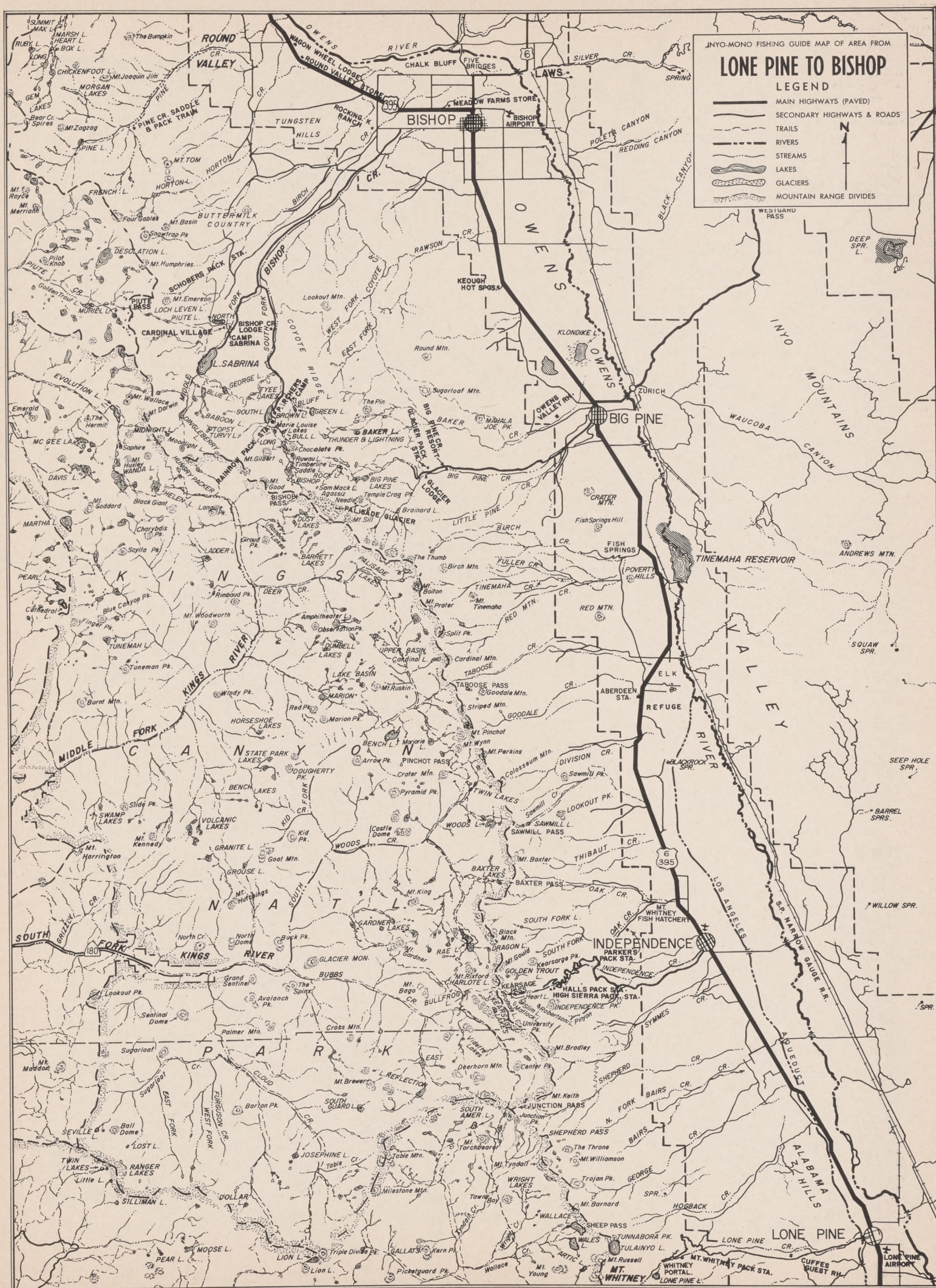
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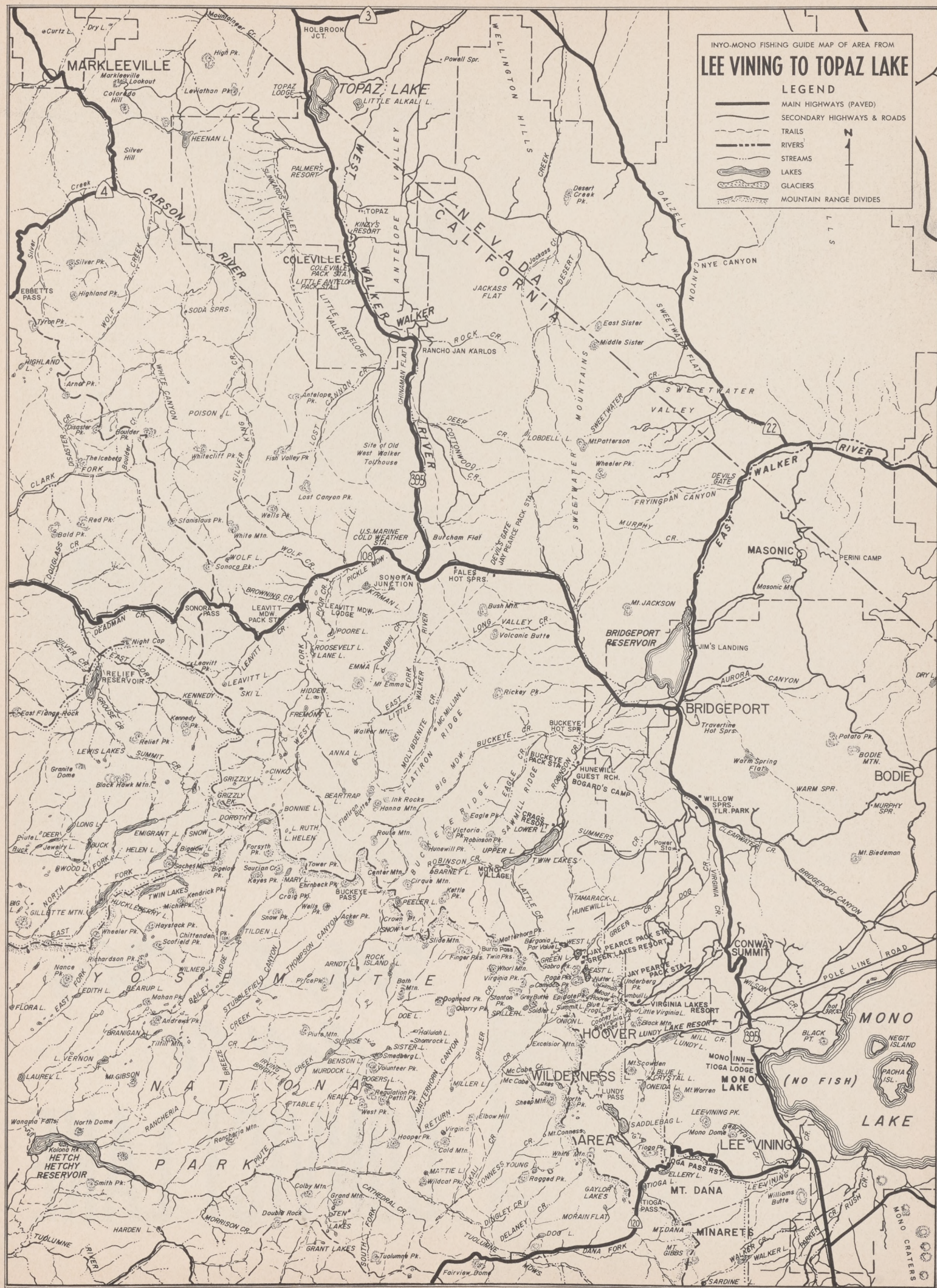
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BEAUTIFUL CONVICT LAKE . . . ONE OF INYO-MONO'S FAVORITE FISHING AND VACATION SPOTS

Ever wondered why such a beautiful spot as Convict Lake should get such a name?

Lots of people keep asking that question, so we have decided to review briefly the events which brought about the change from Monte Diablo Lake, away back in 1871. Several versions have been handed down to present Inyo-Mono residents by their parents and grandparents who were either involved or were living in the area at the time. And even a movie of several years ago, "The Secret of Convict Lake," used the jailbreak as the theme (*but, of course, didn't stick to facts*). Most of the story below, however, comes from the pages of W. A. Chalfant's "Story of Inyo," which appears to be the most authentic.

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On September 17, 1871, a group of 29 convicts—murderers, train robbers, horse thieves, etc.—escaped from the Nevada penitentiary at Carson City in one of the most desperate jail breaks of the West. One small group of the convicts headed south, toward Owens Valley.

But, as they neared the then active mining town of Aurora, they met the mail rider, Billy Poor, coming in from Carson City.

Why Do They Call It... **CONVICT LAKE**

Realizing that he brought news of the prison break and, if he were allowed to continue, a big posse of Aurora men would undoubtedly be out looking for them in a matter of hours, they killed him in cold blood. One account says that since the convicts didn't have any weapons, they tied the unfortunate mail rider to a tree and set fire to him—a slow and painful way to die.

When word of this cold-blooded crime reached Aurora, home of the young rider, a posse was immediately formed to go after the fugitives. Trail was picked up at Adobe Meadows in Southern Mono and word was sent to Benton where Deputy Sheriff George Hightower, with a posse of 10 men, trailed the fleeing convicts into Long Valley.

Robert Morrison, a Benton merchant, first sighted the men on the evening of Friday, September 23, at the eastern end of the deep cup in which Convict Lake is situated. The pursuers spurred their horses and soon found themselves within a few feet of the fugitives' camp. The latter, who evidently had picked up a supply of firearms in a raid on the McLaughlin home on Adobe Creek (*or some other ranch*), took cover and began firing. Two of the posse's horses were killed, two more wounded, and one of the men shot in the hand. Morrison, trying to get a closer shot at the convicts, dismounted, began crawling down the hillside, and was painfully wounded in the side. The rest of the posse fled. Black, one of the convicts, went after Morrison and shot him in the head, after the latter's gun had misfired. Morrison's body lay where it fell until it was recovered that night by Alney McGee, at whose place the posse was headquartering. Before fleeing, the convicts also shot and killed an Indian known as "Mono Jim" who was tending horses for the posse.

In the meantime, word had been sent to Bishop and a posse, headed by John Crough and John Clarke, left that town shortly and caught up with the fugitives in Round Valley. So, 10 days after their escape from penitentiary in Carson City, and after at least three killings, Convicts Morton and Black were captured, (*after an exchange of but a few shots*), by J. L. C. Sherwin, Hubbard, Armstead, McLeod, and two Indians. Black was wounded in the head. Nineteen-year-old Roberts, the other convict, escaped temporarily, but was later captured in Pine Creek Canyon.

The three prisoners were placed in a spring wagon Sunday evening, October 1, and with a guard of horsemen started from Round Valley for Carson. They hadn't been traveling long when the escort and wagon were surrounded by a large body of armed citizen, who "took over" with no resistance from the guards. After a "trial" in a vacant cabin nearby, in which everyone served on the jury except the convicts and their guards, it was decreed that Black and Morton should be hanged immediately. The vote was even as to whether young Roberts should "swing" with the others; so his life was spared.

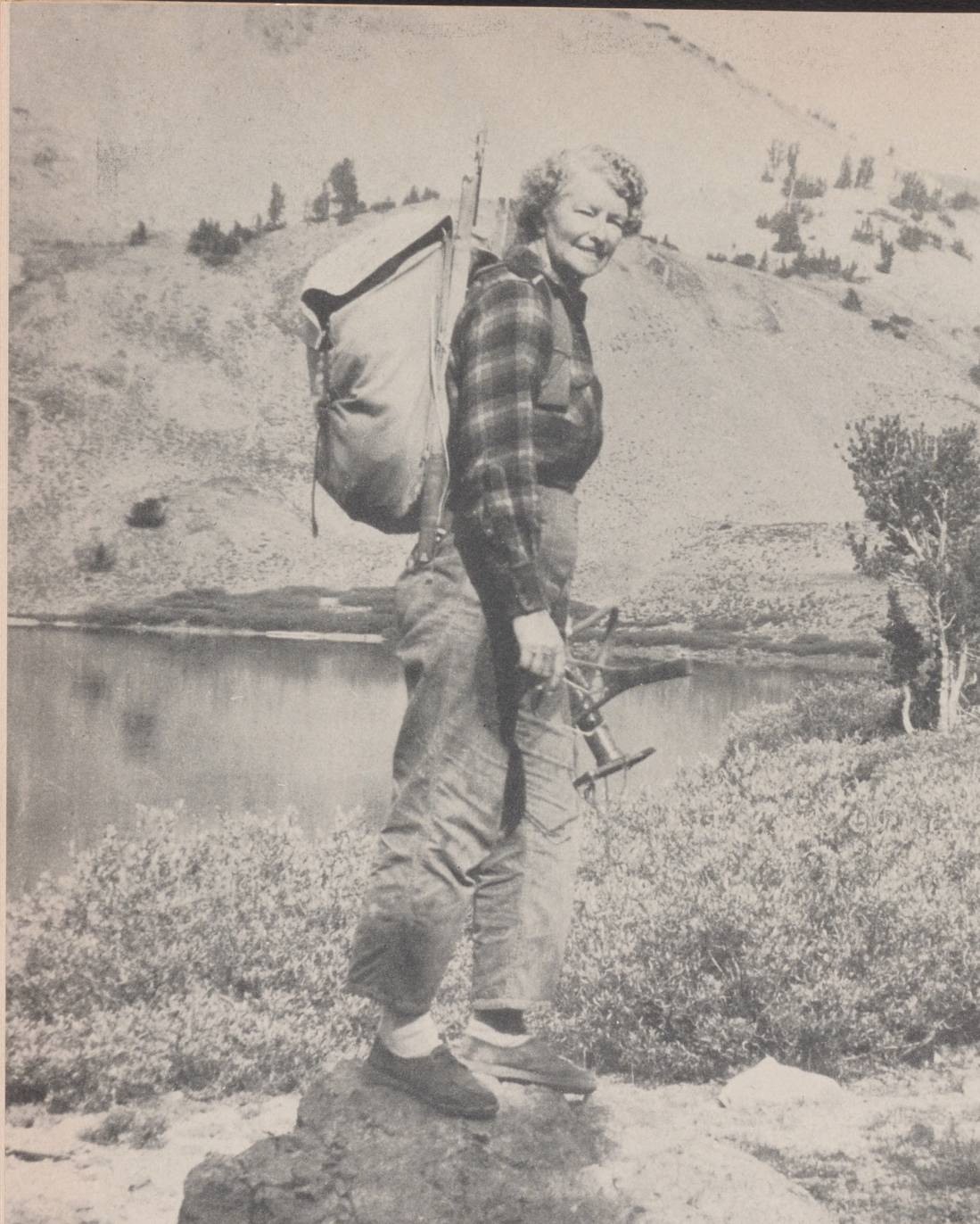
An improvised scaffold was set up outside the cabin and Morton and Black were placed in the wagon with nooses tightly knotted around their necks. According to Chalfant's account, there happened to be a minister present and he offered a prayer. After the two condemned men had shaken hands with the vigilantes on the wagon, it was driven out from under them. And, that was the end of the two convicts.

Young Roberts was taken to the Inyo county jail in Independence and, after a partial recovery from his wounds, was returned to the prison at Carson City.

So that is the end of the story and that is how Convict Lake received such an odd name.

● IN THE PANEL AT THE RIGHT—Although the movie makers took lots of liberties with the actual story, they did use the facts as a basis for the picture, "Secret of Convict Lake," which 20th Century-Fox released in 1951. Part of the scenes were filmed on Convict Lake in Inyo-Mono. You'll notice some of your favorite stars (*present and past*) in the scenes from the movie at the right, including Ann Dvorak, Gene Tierney, Zachary Scott, Glenn Ford, and Ethel Barrymore. For an accurate account of what really happened, be sure to read the story above.





NELLIE BLY O'BRYAN, ONE OF CALIFORNIA'S TWO LICENSED WOMAN GUIDES

"High Sierra Nellie"

Nellie Bly O'Bryan, 63, Loves the Outdoors; Guides Sportsmen to Back-Country

"She out-bikes, out-rides, out-fishes, out-cooks, and naturally out-talks all of us men."

That's the way one of her party recently described Nellie Bly O'Bryan, a 63-year-old matronly appearing woman who is considered one of the top guides in the High Sierras. One of two licensed woman guides in California and of 54 in the entire United States, she has been taking sportsmen to the best places to hunt and fish in the back-country for nearly 20 years. And, the fact that 95 per cent of her customers are men doesn't bother her in the least.

"They're all wonderful people," she observed, "and I jump at every opportunity of taking a group into the high country where they can enjoy Nature's out-of-doors at its very best."

And while her husband, a mine foreman, doesn't either fish or hunt—and never goes on her numerous trips to the Wilderness Area—he makes no objection when she leaves, often for a week or two at a time.

"This is the life that Nellie loves," he said, "and I am happy that she can not only enjoy herself, but help others to learn to love the High Sierras. If she were not

taking a party into some high lake, she'd be hiking and fishing all the time herself, anyway."

Yes, "Nellie," as all her friends call her, is a truly remarkable woman. And, her life story is even more remarkable when you consider that when she came to the Sierras a little more than two decades ago, from the make-believe world of silent movies, in Hollywood where she played some important roles and hob-nobbed with many of the screen greats of that era, she was, by her own admission, "afraid of the out-of-doors, afraid of guns, afraid of people, afraid of everything."

Now, of course, she has conquered all of those fears and is far more at ease in the High Sierra back-country than she ever was in the Hollywood studios. And, it is extremely difficult to believe that this woman, who since has had many harrowing experiences—such as facing a 600 pound bear without a weapon of any kind, or being carried 500 feet downward in a mountain snow slide—had ever known fear.

But, we are getting ahead of our story. Let's go back and pick up the early pages of Nellie's life before we get too far into the fascinating story of the past 20 years. We'll come to that later, of course.

Nellie was born in Oklahoma, daughter of a school teacher-farmer who first settled in Kentucky, then homesteaded in Kansas, and, when Oklahoma Territory opened up, moved on into this new land.

"My family naturally thought I'd marry a farmer and settle down nearby," she recalls, "and so my mother taught me how to cook and do the chores. Luckily for me the cooking came in mighty handy later—on my trips into the High Sierra."

But, after graduating from college in Tulsa, and later taking a course in a local

business college, she decided to seek her fortune in California, much to the dismay of her parents.

"I bought a one-way ticket to Los Angeles," she said, "and I never went back—even for a visit."

That was in 1917, nearly 40 years ago.

First job she got in Hollywood was in one of the film exchanges. During her off hours, she learned to splice film and became the first licensed woman movie projector operator in California. By 1918 she had moved over to Charlie Chaplin's studio where she was first a switchboard

operator, later his private secretary for seven years.

"Charlie never gave me dictation," Nellie recalls, "He would just write 'yes' or 'no' on the letter and I was supposed to write the answer."

Chaplin gave Nellie her first "break" in pictures, too. She played important character parts in his films, "The Woman of Paris," "Sunnyside," and "The Kid." When she began to get roles in films produced by other studios, she left her job with Chaplin, appearing with such stars of the silent screen as John Gilbert, Greta Garbo, Joan Crawford, and Clark Gable.

Nellie achieved near stardom, but not happiness. "Hollywood was a world of make-believe," she explained, "and I never really liked it."

She got her first glimpse of the High Sierra when she came up to Mammoth Lakes with a company "on location" in 1927, for the movie, "Thundering Herd," starring Jack Holt. She vividly recalls riding the narrow-gauge railroad as far as Laws, then driving into Bishop for lunch, and then going by auto on up to Mammoth.

"It was cold," she remembers, "and there was lots of snow. Tamarack Lodge was closed, but they opened it up for us during the Christmas holidays so we could shoot our winter scenes."

But Nellie was destined not to play a part in this High Sierra thriller, after all. On the day she was supposed to perform before the cameras, she became snow-blind and had to be left out.

"But, before that time," she says, "I had fallen in love with the High Sierras and I had made up my mind to come up here and live—if I ever got the chance."

In 1933 she managed to come up to Mono County on a fishing trip and was invited by friends to try her luck on Lundy Lake, north and west of Lee Vining. She liked the lake so much that she decided to come back. So, in 1935, with the permission of her husband, who was working in the "lab" at Paramount Studios, she left the glitter of Hollywood permanently behind and set up her camp at Lundy Lake.

The story of her stay at Lundy is, like the rest of her life, quite fantastic. With her own hands she built a cabin, including a large rock fireplace, and later added more buildings until she had a sizeable resort.

During the summer she would rent boats on the lake, often act as a guide to help the visitors catch their trout.

"Fishing in those days was easy," she remembers. "The limit was 25 trout and it was a bad day if you couldn't catch them in an hour. Nice 15-inch Browns, too."

When she got time, she worked on her resort. The carpentry work was not entirely new to her since, in her off hours in Hollywood, she herself had constructed a cottage and swimming pool.

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● ABOVE—Nellie Bly O'Bryan tries her luck from the rocky shore of Thousand Island Lake in the High Sierra back-country. Note the 10-foot-long fly-rod which she handles expertly. Nellie usually gets her share of fish . . . and this day was no exception.

● RIGHT—When it comes to planning and cooking meals in the out-of-doors, it is hard to beat Nellie O'Bryan. Here she is being assisted by Ed Pogue, one of the men on the pack-trip to Thousand Island Lake last Fall. Note tall Mt. Banner in the background.

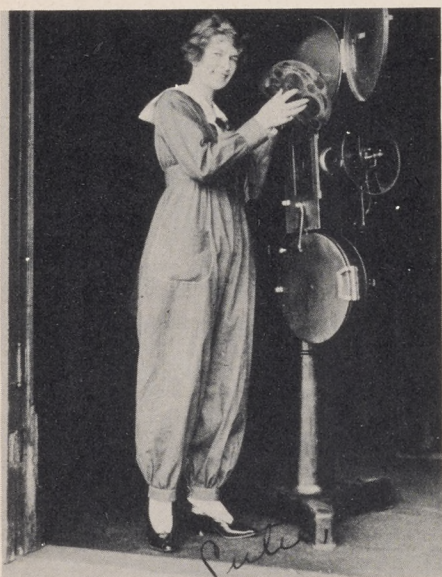
● BELOW—Who says the fishing isn't good? Here five members of the party display their day's catch. From left to right, they are: Dave Best, Roy Palmateer, Gardner Bernard, Ed Pogue, Nellie O'Bryan, and Harry Witman. (Photos by Tom Henderson).



IN THE EARLY DAYS OF HOLLYWOOD MOVIES



● **IN THE EARLY DAYS**—It's a far cry from the silent movies of Hollywood to the High Sierras. But that's the jump that Nellie Bly O'Bryan made. In the top picture, she is taking the part of the masseuse (*standing behind bed*) in the movie, "Woman of Paris," made in 1925 and directed by Charlie Chaplin. Edna Purviance was the headliner in this picture which happened to be the first that Adolphe Menjou, still a favorite Hollywood star, played in. *Bottom Left*—Nellie is shown in the costume worn as the first licensed movie projector operator in California. "It was the first pair of women's slacks I ever saw," she recalls. *Bottom Right*—she is made up for her part as the maid in "Breakfast at Sunrise," filmed in 1927 and starring Constance Talmadge and Don Alvarado. Nellie played in several other movies also.



"HIGH SIERRA NELLIE"

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Six of the winters she spent alone at Lundy Lake, often not seeing anyone at all during the long, cold months.

"First winter I spent at Lundy there was 30 feet of snow," she recalls, "but that was the worst. I taught myself to ski and ice skate after I was 50 years old. And, I still like it, and go whenever I get the chance."

Her first cabin she built near the lake, not realizing that the waterlevel fluctuated greatly. In the spring, when the snow

began to melt, the water came up so high she had to hitch a truck to it and pull it to higher ground."

Whenever Nellie got the chance, she would hike or ride farther into the back-country and, in this way, learned the High Sierra trails and lakes like the back of her hand. Often she went alone for days or weeks at a time; gradually, however, she began to take along parties of sportsmen who wanted to find good fishing and hunting.

She estimates that she has fished more

than 300 lakes in Inyo-Mono and she has walked by about a thousand. And, she's one of the top fishermen in the area, too. Using an almost unheard of 10-foot fly rod, she is very seldom "skunked," even though fishing is a lot tougher than it used to be.

"Nearly all of the lakes were good trout fishing when I first came up here," she says, "but many of the better known, easy-to-reach lakes are not 'so hot' anymore. However, there are lots of back-country lakes in the Sierras that are as good as they ever were . . . and these are the ones I like to 'work'."

Nellie has kept an accurate count of all the trout she has ever caught since she arrived here in 1935. As of the end of the 1955 season, her total was 28,634—quite a sizeable amount. Many of them were in the "trophy" class, too.

And, like most experienced anglers, she prefers dry fly fishing and usually ties her own flies.

"When I am going to fish a lake I look under some of the rocks on the shore and find some bugs. I tie flies to match these."

And, her results are usually good.

In 1945 her husband decided to follow Nellie to the High Sierras and took a job at the U. S. Pumice Co., near Lee Vining. And in 1952 she sold out her resort. Since then she has been devoting most of her time to fishing and guiding. Nellie makes several trips to various parts of the Wilderness Area during the season and she usually has many of the same customers, year after year.

One party of businessmen from Ocean-side, California, has been going in to Thousand Island Lake, south and west of June Lake, each year for the past six years. They wouldn't think of going in with anyone else but Nellie, and they usually set the dates for their annual pack trip a year in advance.

Included in the 1955 party were Harry Witman, Dr. Roy Palmateer, Edward Pogue, Paul Beck, and Gardner Bernard. Horses and mules from Elmer Jensen's Frontier Pack Station at Silver Lake were used and Dave Best, himself an old-timer in the High Sierra, went along to take care of them.

Nellie acted as guide and cook. In addition, she planned all the menus, bought all the food, set-up the camp, and anything else that needed doing. She furnishes everything but bed rolls on these trips and it is really surprising how she keeps the cost down.

The men all remarked about the fine cooking and the excellent food. And, Nellie says she does it on a dollar a day for each man.

"That's a lot cheaper than you can eat at home," is the general consensus of opinion of her customers.

On the two-week trip to Thousand Island Lake this year, the men caught all



the trout they wanted and, since their late September trip was arranged so it would also include three days of hunting season, three of the men also got their deer.

"We certainly had a wonderful time this year, as always," Paul Beck, spokesman for the party, said. "Yes, we think Nellie is 'the greatest' and we are already looking forward to our trip with her next year."

Even though she is past the age when most women want to take life easy, enjoy the comforts of home, family, and friends, Nellie has at least one more project she wants to carry out, in addition to her guiding activities.

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● **TURNING FLAPJACKS**—Ask any of the people who have gone with Nellie on her pack trips and they'll tell you "she's a darn good cook." She takes the pipe and grill along, rigs up the stove from rocks available. With careful planning she provides tasty, wholesome meals for less than a dollar a day. The menu is varied.

● **AND DEER, TOO**—Three of the men in the party to Thousand Island got their deer. From left to right, in the picture below, are: Nellie O'Bryan, Harry Witman, Roy Palmateer, Gardner Bernard, and Ed Pogue. These men are all from Oceanside. (Photos by Tom Henderson).



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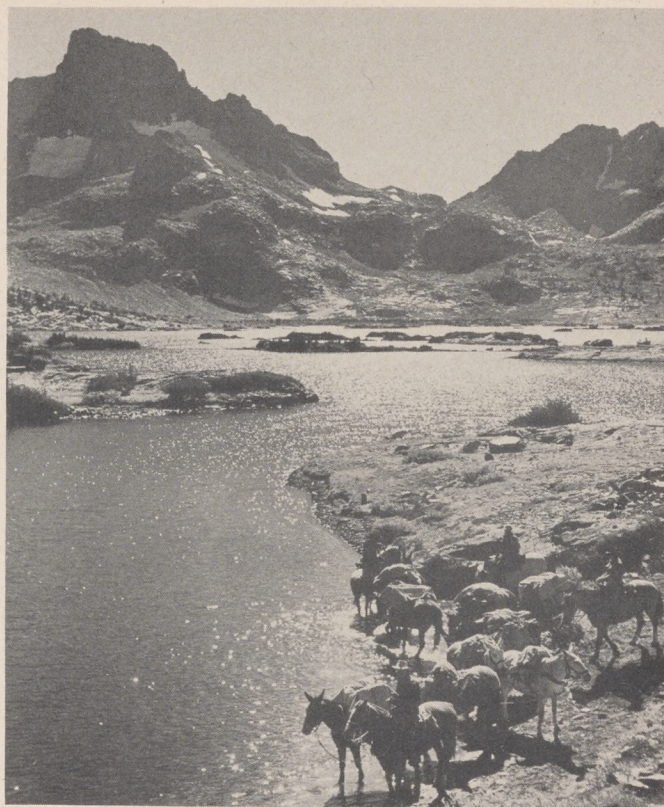
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During her stay in Lundy, she has collected hundreds of historic and valuable curios—from the remains of the old gold mining town of Lundy, the old mill, and many other interesting places that her High Sierra trips have taken her.

She is now building a unique "upside-down" house just south of Mono Inn on U. S. Highway 395. And, in this place she plans to have them on display and for sale.

"Yes, the house will be built upside down," she explained. "I got the idea from a little cabin I saw turned over and fallen

in a creek in the back-country. I have wanted to build one like it ever since and I am going to do it now."

She hopes to have it completed by the opening of fishing season this year and she invites all her old friends to stop by for a "look-see" and a friendly chat.

And, you can be sure that many of them will stop. For Nellie Bly O'Bryan has made friends with many, during her better than three score years, all the way from Oklahoma, to Hollywood, and the High Sierra.



NELLIE CHECKS THE PACKS ON MULES BEFORE RETURN TRIP



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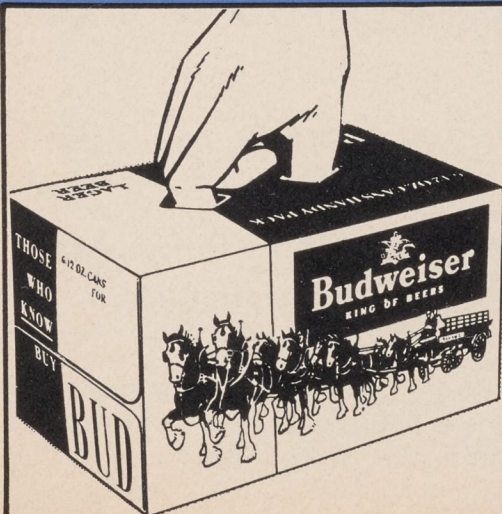
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THE AMAZING SIERRA WAVE

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... by HAROLD KLIEFORTH
Co-Holder of the World Sailplane Altitude Record

True enough, Inyo-Mono is famous for its fishing, hunting, skiing, and scenery—and rightfully so. Many people also are well aware of the fact that the highest and lowest altitudes in the United States: Mt. Whitney (elevation 14,496 ft.) and Badwater in Death Valley (279 ft. below sea level) are both included in this area.

Nevertheless, Bishop, Owens Valley, and Inyo-Mono are probably more world-famous for another reason entirely—an atmospheric phenomenon known as the “Sierra Wave” which enables pilots to take their sailplanes (often termed *gliders*) on world record soaring flights, some over 8 miles in the air.

The “Sierra Wave” is to soaring what the Himalaya is to mountaineering. And the word, “Bishop,” means to sailplane pilots of all nations what “Chamonix” and “Darjeeling” mean to mountaineers.

Like mountaineering in the Himalaya, soaring in the Sierra Wave is not for amateurs. It requires experience, careful preparation, and special equipment. The sailplanes used for this kind of flying are insulated against the extreme cold of high altitudes, strengthened to withstand turbulence, and provided with an oxygen-breathing system for the crew.

Other equipment used is similar to that of a major mountaineering expedition—rope, radio, maps, warm clothing, furlined boots, gloves, goggles, and sometimes food and emergency equipment for cross-country flights. The sailplane crews wear parachutes and leather helmets equipped with earphones and oxygen masks with microphones.

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Base camp for flights in The Wave is the Bishop Airport. There the sailplanes are housed in the hangar and there the soaring enthusiast finds expert advice and assistance. Allan Langenheim, airport manager, and Bob Symons, veteran power and sailplane pilot, know well the art of flying in The Wave and where to tow the sailplane in order to contact the area of rising air. Elvyn Pye, meteorologist in charge of the Weather Bureau station, is another whose counsel is sought when the pilot has questions which are more fundamental than those concerning the techniques of wave flying. For instance: “When will there be a wave occurrence? How long will it last? How high will it extend?”

In the mountain climbing, especially in the Himalaya or the Alps, the weather plays a vital secondary role, and wind and storm are often greater adversaries than the rock or snow of the peaks. In the formation of lee waves, however, the weather and mountains are equally important in a different way. The mountains are always there, but the weather is continually changing from day to day. Thus lee waves do not always exist. Favorable weather conditions occur when the airflow is relatively strong and nearly perpendicular to the crest of the Sierra. As the strongest winds aloft are generally associated with approaching storms, the lee waves form as a weather front moves across California from the Pacific. For this reason the lee wave occurrences are most frequent during the winter half of the year, but strong waves may occur at any time from mid-September to late June.

In a typical case the westerly winds over the Sierra increase in speed as a cold front approaches the mountains nutcracker-fashion from the west and north. The air partakes of a wave-like motion beginning with a downward flow immediately in the

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Bishop, California

SAILPLANE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

Practically all of the world altitude records for sailplanes have been established at Bishop during the past decade.

Local glider enthusiasts, Bob Symons and George Deibert, were among the first to build or buy gliders and begin to push the altitude mark upward. And, for a time both were co-holders of altitude records between 35,000 and 38,000 feet. Soon sailplane pilots from all over America, and the rest of the world, heard about the fantastic soaring possibilities created by the "Sierra Wave" and many brought their gliders to Bishop to give it a try.

Realizing the value of The Wave for research, the United States Air Force set up its Mountain Wave Project in 1951-52 and brought some of the world's top sailplane experts to Bishop to take part in the actual gliding and research work. Among these were: Dr. Joachim Kuettner of the Air Force Cambridge (Massachusetts) Research Center, head of the project; Larry Edgar, an outstanding sailplane pilot from Alamogordo, N. M., Harold Klieforth (author of the accompanying article on The Sierra Wave), research specialist from the University of California at Los Angeles. During this period several altitude marks were set and much valuable data was recorded.

In fact, two outstanding feats were recorded on the same day, March 19, 1952, when Edgar and Klieforth set the present world altitude record of 44,255 feet in a Pratt-Read sailplane over Owens Valley. And Dr. Kuettner, in another sailplane, made a cross-country flight on successive lee waves from Bishop to Williams, Arizona.

All three of these specialists were back again in Bishop during the spring of 1955 when Air Force set up its Project Jet Stream. More flights were made and more information recorded which, it is hoped, will make flying in mountain areas safer in the future.

Several flights of more than 40,000 feet were recorded by Edgar and Dr. Kuettner. But disaster almost struck the former on one of his flights April 25, 1955, when his sailplane disintegrated at about 15,000 feet. Edgar was catapulted through the canopy but was able to parachute to safety, landing about two miles south of Bishop.

The accident was apparently caused by a combination of structural failure and severe air turbulence. Parts of the sailplane were found over an area of a square mile, but many valuable panel instruments were lost or broken. Edgar himself was badly bruised, but otherwise came through little worse for the wear.

Here are the altitude records set by sailplanes taking off from the Bishop airport, using the incomparable Sierra Wave for lift:

ALTITUDE RECORDS

MEN'S WORLD RECORD (Two-Place) 44,255 ft.

Set by Larry Edgar and Harold Klieforth March 19, 1952.

MEN'S WORLD RECORD (Single-Place) 42,220 ft.

Set by Bill Ivans December 30, 1950

(Dr. Joachim Kuettner flew his single-place sailplane to a height of 43,000 feet April 14, 1955, but since it was not 5 per cent above the existing record, it cannot be recognized as official.)

WOMEN'S WORLD RECORD (Single-Place) 40,160 ft.

Set by Betsy Woodward April 14, 1955.

MEN'S ENGLISH RECORD 30,000 ft.

Set by Comdr. Nick Goodheart May 12, 1955.

MEN'S SWISS RECORD 36,200 ft.

Set by Othmar Schwarzenberger April 14, 1955.



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● ABOVE—Getting the sailplane in the air for its record-breaking flights is handled easily by towing it with another plane until it reaches the altitude where the Sierra Wave takes over. Then the pilot in the glider "cuts it loose." The sailplane and tow rope are easily visible here behind the tail assembly. Note Owens Valley far below.

● BELOW—Al Langenheim, pilot of the tow plane, Dr. Joaquin Kuettner (sitting in the glider) and Larry Edgar, sailplane pilot, are anxiously watching the cloud formation in the hopes that a big "Wave" will develop. Dr. Kuettner is the head of the Sierra Wave and Jet Stream projects and is a world-famous sailplane authority.



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AMAZING SIERRA WAVE

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lee of the crest and continuing in a series of crests and troughs downwind of the mountain range. Associated with the wave flow pattern are strong up-and-down drafts and severe turbulence.

Where the air rises it cools and where it cools sufficiently for its water vapor to condense, clouds form to mark the crests of the wave. Then, while steady rain falls from leaden skies over San Francisco, fog and smog intensify in Los Angeles, sand blows across the Mojave Desert, and snow swirls down over Donner Summit, the residents of Owens Valley are treated to a spectacular "skyscape." To the west a blanket of clouds covers the Sierra and sweeps down the eastern slope in a great cloud-fall. Above this "cap cloud" is blue sky while over the center of the valley are decks of stationary clouds extending upward from the lower cumulo-formed roll clouds to beautiful lens and fish shaped clouds at altitudes up to, and sometimes above 40,000 feet.

An exploratory flight in the Sierra Wave begins at the Bishop Airport where the sailplane is towed aloft by a powered aircraft and a rope 300 to 500 feet long. The flight usually passes under the roll cloud and proceeds upwind toward the Sierra crest until the principal updraft is encountered. There the pilot releases his sailplane from the tow rope and soars upward. He maintains the sailplane in the maximum updraft ahead of the clouds at the wave crest by flying at a speed equal to that of the horizontal component of the wind, thus remaining nearly stationary over the ground while gaining altitude in the upward component of the wind. The wind speeds aloft frequently reach 100 miles per hour and the updrafts 2,000 to 3,000 feet per minute.

Several flights over 40,000 feet have been made and the attainment of even higher altitudes appears possible when a larger sailplane with a pressurized cabin is constructed.

Since 1950 the Air Force Cambridge Research Center and the University of California at Los Angeles have been engaged in a meteorological study of the air flow over the Sierra. In 1951-52 instrumented sailplanes of the Mountain Wave Project were tracked from Owens Valley by photo-theodolites, radar, and Raydist.

In the spring of 1955 a B-47 and a B-29 of the Air Force's Project Jet Stream traversed the Sierra at several levels in conjunction with sailplane flights in lee waves. The results of this research have provided important knowledge about the structure of mountain lee waves and the hazards of flying over mountainous terrain.

It is probable that some of the worst airplane crashes in United States history have been caused by the downdraft and turbulence of a lee wave. Knowledge gained by the Mountain Wave Project, it is hoped, will enable weather forecasters to predict wave occurrences and pilots of all types of aircraft—light planes, airliners, bombers, and jet fighters—to take the safety precaution of either flying around the area or allowing for greater altitude clearance.

To provide pilot education for the purpose of avoiding aircraft accidents in mountainous regions is one important aim of the Sierra Wave investigation; but it is not the end result. The wave updraft can be used as a great elevator to lift a larger, pressurized sailplane to extremely high altitudes for the study of the jet stream, clear-air turbulence, ice crystal clouds, and other atmospheric phenomena that cannot be studied adequately by balloons, rockets, or power aircraft.

Nor is weather science alone to benefit from knowledge of lee waves. The stimulating science and sport of soaring, which provides excellent training for future pilots, is at present much more popular in Europe than in this country; but it is destined to increase in popularity here in a manner similar to that of skiing. As the Sierra Nevada communities prepare for the Winter Olympics of 1960, a similar international event—a meeting of the world's most skillful soaring pilots and finest sailplanes at Bishop—looms wistfully in the minds of those who have flown The Wave.



HAROLD KLIEFORTH AND BETSY WOODWARD
He's Co-Holder of Men's Record; She Has Women's

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FANTASTIC "SKYSCAPE" NEAR BISHOP
Cloud Formation Indicates Presence of "Wave"

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LARRY EDGAR AFTER HIS SAILPLANE CRASH
Broken Plane, Lost Instruments, Black Eyes

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Inyo County . . .

KERN RIVER, SOUTH FORK—At Kennedy Meadows (*Tulare County*); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 50-60,000 annually; accessible by road from Little Lake.

OLANCHA CREEK—At Town of Olancho; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,800-10,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1,500 annually; partially accessible by car.

CARTAGO CREEK—Approximately 1½ miles north of Town of Olancho; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,800-9,000; fishing intensity, light; partially accessible by car from Highway 395.

ASH CREEK—Second stream north of Olancho Creek; length of stream, 10½ miles; altitude, 3,800-10,000; fishing intensity, light; plants, 1,500 annually; accessible from Highway 395.

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Near Cottonwood Power Plant, about 8 miles south of Lone Pine; length of stream, 10 miles; altitude, 4,250-7,300; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 6,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395.

TUTTLE CREEK—Approximately 2 miles south of Lone Pine; length of stream, 12 miles; altitude, 3,800-12,000; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 2-3,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road over L. A. Aqueduct.

LONE PINE CREEK—At Town of Lone Pine; length of stream, 11 miles; altitude, 3,800-12,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-40,000 annually; accessible by road from Lone Pine to Whitney Portal.

HOGBACK CREEK—About 4 miles north of Lone Pine; length of

Catchable-Size Trout

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To supplement the native trout population . . . thus improving the angling for the summer visitors . . . the California Department of Fish and Game annually plants "catchable-size" Rainbow Trout in 82 Inyo-Mono lakes and streams. Without exception, these fish are planted in waters easily reached by auto. Fingerling trout are planted in the more hard-to-reach lakes and streams.

About two million of these "catchables" were planted in the Inyo-Mono area during the 1955 season. A like number is planned this year.

Raising and planting of catchable-size trout is one of the most expensive of the Department's operations. But it is also one of the most important—at least as far as Inyo-Mono is concerned. Believe it or not, it costs an average of 89 cents a pound to raise these fish (and that's a drop from the \$1.07 average of 1954). Yes, this program appears costly, but very necessary.

And here's good news for the fisherman: "Catchables" will gradually be increased in size, as a result of a recommendation of the Fish and Game Commission this year. Instead of being 6 to 8 a pound, they will soon weigh 4 to 6 per pound—much nicer fish.

All 82 Inyo-Mono lakes and streams, annually stocked with catchable-size trout, are listed below, from south to north, along with other information about the waters:

stream, 9 miles; altitude, 4,200-12,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 2-4,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

GEORGES CREEK—About 8 miles

north of Lone Pine; length of stream, 14 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,500; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 3-4,500 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

BAIRS CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Near Georges Creek, Manzanar; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

BAIRS CREEK, NORTH FORK—Near Georges Creek, Manzanar; length of stream, 5 miles; altitude, 3,850-11,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

SHEPHERDS CREEK—1 mile south of Independence; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 6-8,000 annually; accessible by road going west 1 mile south of Independence and following dirt road upstream.

SYMNES CREEK—1 mile south of Independence; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 4-6,000 annually; accessible by dirt road 1 mile south of Independence.

PINYON CREEK—South of Independence Creek, forks with this stream below Greys Meadows; altitude, 7,000; fishing intensity, light to moderate; plants, 2,500 annually; partially accessible by dirt road.

INDEPENDENCE CREEK—West from Town of Independence; length of stream, 20 miles; altitude, 3,925-11,823; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 40-45,000 annually; accessible by road from Independence as far as Onion Valley (20 miles).

OAK CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Above Mt. Whitney Hatchery to Parker's Ranch; length of stream, 7 miles; altitude, 3-6,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-8,000 annually; accessible by dirt road at forks above Mt. Whitney Hatchery to the south.

OAK CREEK, NORTH FORK—Above Mt. Whitney Hatchery; length of

stream 8 miles; altitude, 3-8,000; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 8-15,000 annually; accessible by dirt road at forks to the north above Mt. Whitney Hatchery.

SAWMILL CREEK—Near Black Rock Rearing Ponds turn-off; length of stream, 2 miles; altitude, 3,900-5,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 1,500-3,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

DIVISION CREEK—About 3 miles north of Sawmill Creek, west of Highway 395 towards Division Creek Power Plant; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-4,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

GOODALE CREEK—By Aberdeen service station on Highway 395; length of stream, 8 miles; altitude, 3-7,000; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 8-11,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

TABOOSE CREEK—About 2 miles north of Aberdeen; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, heavy in lower portion becoming light upstream; plants, 10-12,000 annually; accessible by turning left on Direct Road about 2 miles north of Aberdeen.

BIRCH CREEK—Near Poverty Hills and Fish Springs store (McMurray Meadows to highway); fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-7,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

BIG PINE CREEK—West of Big Pine to Glacier Lodge; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-40,000 annually; accessible by paved road as far as Glacier Lodge.

BAKER CREEK—Near County Farm at Big Pine to mouth of canyon; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

KAY CREEK—From Sabrina Road crossing to Rocking-K Ranch; fishing intensity, light; plants, 500 annually; partially accessible by road.

BISHOP CREEK, MIDDLE FORK—Above Lake Sabrina; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; accessible by good road below Lake Sabrina and then by trail.

BISHOP CREEK, LOWER—From mouth to Powerhouse 6; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-25,000 annually; accessible by good road.

BISHOP CREEK, NORTH FORK—Above North Lake; plants, 1,000 annually; fishing intensity, moderate; accessible by road to North Lake and then by trail.

BISHOP CREEK, SOUTH FORK—Below South Lake; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; entire stream accessible from various points of the road and trails.

BIRCH CREEK—In Buttermilk area above Plant 2 intake; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1-2,000 annually; partially accessible by road.

LAKE SABRINA—18 miles west of Bishop (tributary to Middle Fork of Bishop Creek); area, 200 acres; depth, 210 feet; altitude, 9,170; fishing intensity, heavy to intense; plants, 30,000 annually; accessible from Bishop via good surfaced road.



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NORTH LAKE—22 miles west of Bishop (tributary to North Fork of Bishop Creek); area, 15 acres; depth, 26 feet; fishing intensity, heavy to intense; plants, 6,000 annually; accessible from Bishop on good surfaced road.

SOUTH LAKE—25 miles west of Bishop (tributary to South Fork of Bishop Creek, above Parcher's Camp); area, 100 acres; depth, 110 feet; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 20,000 annually; accessible by good surfaced road from Bishop.

OWENS RIVER, SECTION II (*L. A. Intake to Chalk Bluff*)—Extending from Aberdeen through 5-Bridges and Chalk Bluff area; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 30-35,000 annually; accessible by roads into the area.

HORTON CREEK—In Round Valley north of Bishop (tributary to Pine Creek); length, 8 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 1-2,000 annually; accessible by road.

PINE CREEK—From Highway 395 to U. S. Vanadium mine (tributary to Rock Creek); entire length of stream planted; altitude, 4,500-11,500; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 10,000 annually; accessible by road to junction with Morgan Creek and by trail above Morgan Creek.

MCGEE CREEK—Near Buttermilk (tributary to Owens River)—Plants 1-2,000 annually; accessible by road.

ROCK CREEK, SECTION I (*Birchim Canyon*)—From mouth of Owens River to Tom's Place (*Mono County*); length of stream, 14.3 miles; width, 12 feet; average depth, 6 inches; fishing intensity, very heavy; plants, 50,000 annually; readily accessible from Highway 395 which runs parallel to it except for about 5¼ miles through Rock Creek Gorge.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—9 miles west from Highway 395 by good dirt road from Tom's Place; area, 50 acres; maximum depth, 90 feet; altitude, 9,927; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 15,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Tom's Place to Rock Creek Lake Store.

Mono County . . .

ROCK CREEK, SECTION II—From Tom's Place to headwaters; length of stream, 11 miles; width, 15-foot average; depth, 7-inch average; fishing intensity, very heavy; plants, 25,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Tom's Place to Rock Creek Lake Store.

CROWLEY LAKE—6 miles to north landing via Whitmore Springs from Highway 395, 2 miles to south landing from Highway 395 turn-off 1 mile south of Hilton Creek; area, 5,284 acres; maximum depth, 114 feet; altitude, 6,782 feet; fishing intensity, heavy (especially from boats); plants, 100-200,000 annually.

HILTON CREEK—Near Crowley Lake, off highway from Hilton Creek Lodge; length, about 1 mile; width, 5-foot average; depth, 4 inches; altitude, 6,700; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 4-5,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395 crossings and by roads of Hilton Creek Lodge and Waterson Land Company for about ½ mile above.

MCGEE CREEK—Near McGee Creek Lodge (tributary to Crowley Lake); length of stream, 8 miles; width, 10-foot average; depth, 6-inch av-

erage; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 9-15,000 annually; accessible by road which closely parallels it from a point about a mile below highway 395 to Convict Lake.

CONVICT LAKE—2½ miles west of Highway 395, Long Valley (tributary to Convict Creek); area, 168 acres; altitude, 7,576; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-65,000 annually; accessible by good paved secondary road to outlet end of lake, good graded dirt road crosses bridge at outlet and ends at public camp on east side of lake.

SHERWIN CREEK—(tributary to Mammoth Creek); length of stream, 4 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 2-3,000 annually; accessible by road mainly in vicinity of Sherwin Creek public camp ground.

MAMMOTH CREEK—Crosses Highway 395 1 mile south of Casa Diablo (tributary to Hot Creek); length of stream, 7 miles; average width, 22 feet; average depth, 5 inches; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-30,000 annually; accessible by car in various locations, including the vicinity of Old Mammoth.

LAKE MAMIE—Mammoth Area; area, 11.4 acres; altitude, 8,800; fishing intensity, heavy; plants 5-6,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road, ½ mile from Mammoth Lakes highway to outlet from Lake Mary.

LAKE MARY—Mammoth Area; area, 69.5 acres; altitude, 8,931; fishing intensity, heavy from both shore and boats; plants, 30-40,000 annually; readily accessible, as it is immediately adjacent to Mammoth Lakes highway, good secondary road around southeast end of lake.

LAKE GEORGE—Mammoth Area, 2/3 miles southwest of Mammoth Lakes highway; area, 32 acres; altitude, 9,060; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-16,000 annually; accessible from Mammoth Lakes highway via good dirt road crossing outlet of Lake Mary, turn off ½ miles southeast of Lake Mamie outlet.

TWIN LAKES—Mammoth Area; area, 7.45 acres, Lower; 15.7 acres, Center; 12.84 acres, Upper; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-40,000 annually for the three lakes; accessible by good secondary road, only ¼ miles from main Mammoth Lakes highway.

HORSESHOE LAKE—Mammoth Area, ½ mile west of Lake Mamie; area, 28.4 acres; altitude, 8,880; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 3-5,000 annually; accessible from Mammoth Lakes highway (immediately adjacent to end of this road.)

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER, UPPER MIDDLE FORK (*Madera County*)—From headwaters to Rainbow Falls at Reds Meadows; length of stream, 12 miles; altitude, 7,100-9,850; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25-30,000 annually; accessible by road and trail at Reds Meadows.

SOTCHER LAKE (*Madera County*)—Near Devil's Post Pile at Reds Meadows; area, 40 acres; altitude, 7,650; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 8-10,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Mammoth Lakes highway to Reds Meadows.

STARKWEATHER LAKE (*Madera County*)—Reds Meadows area; area, 8 acres; altitude, 8,880; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 1,000 annually; accessible by short trail (2 minutes) from Mammoth Lakes, Reds Meadows.

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MCLEOD LAKE—Mammoth Area; ½ miles from end of Mammoth Lakes highway; area, 9.5 acres; altitude, 9,250; fishing intensity, moderate to heavy; plants, 1,500-4,000 annually; accessible by good dirt road from Horseshoe Lake, thence 100 yards by good foot trail to lake shore.

HOT CREEK—Near Hot Creek Hatchery (tributary to Owens River); entire stream planted; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 30-50,000 annually; accessible by roads and trails.

OWENS RIVER, SECTION IV—Big Springs to Benton Crossing; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-30,000 annually; accessible from highway crossings.

JUNE LAKE—1 mile southwest from Highway 395 at June Lake Junction; area, 310.9 acres; altitude, 7,612; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 80-100,000 annually; readily accessible by good surfaced road.

GULL LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 68.6 acres; altitude, 7,594; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-20,000 annually; accessible by surfaced road from June Lake Junction (3 miles).

SILVER LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 118.4 acres; altitude, 7,212; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-40,000 annually; accessible by good surfaced road from Highway 395 at June Lake Junction (7 miles).

GRANT LAKE—June Lake Loop; area, 1,095 acres; altitude, 7,135; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 65-70,000 annually; accessible by surfaced road from Highway 395 at Grant Lake Junction (5 miles).

LITTLE WALKER LAKE—5 miles west of Highway 395; area, 76 acres; altitude, 7,926; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10,000 annually; accessible by unimproved road from Highway 395. *(Two gates on the road are maintained in the summer by the City of Los Angeles and the Walker Land Company, a private organization controlling the lake).*

RUSH CREEK—June Lake Loop, extends from Silver Lake to Grant Lake; length of stream, 5 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants 30-40,000 annually; accessible from June Lake Loop highway.

LEE VINING CREEK—Off Tioga Pass Road (tributary to Mono Lake); entire stream planted; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 15-25,000 annually; accessible by dirt roads and trails from Tioga Pass Road to Ellery and Tioga Lake.

ELLERY LAKE—Top of Tioga Pass Road; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-6,000 annually; accessible from State Sign Route 120.

LUNDY LAKE—Near Conway Summit; area, 63 acres; altitude, 7,755; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 20-30,000 annually; accessible by graded dirt road from Highway 395 (4½ miles).

GREEN CREEK—Near Conway Summit; length of stream, 6 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-20,000 annually; accessible by Summers Meadow Road from Highway 395 on Conway Summit (3 miles).

TRUMBULL LAKE—Off Highway 395 at Conway Summit; area, 12 acres; altitude, 9,200; fishing in-

tensity, heavy; plants, 5-6,000 annually; accessible by dirt road to resort from Highway 395 (6 miles).

VIRGINIA CREEK (Formerly known as Dog Creek)—Near Conway Summit; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 5-10,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit (6 miles).

VIRGINIA LAKE, LOWER—Conway Summit Area (tributary to Virginia Creek); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 5-8,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit.

VIRGINIA LAKE, UPPER—Conway Summit Area (tributary to Virginia Creek); fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 10-12,000 annually; accessible by road west from Highway 395 at Conway Summit.

BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR—Near Bridgeport; area varies, 2,000 acres maximum; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 25,000 annually; readily accessible by road from Bridgeport.

ROBINSON CREEK—2 miles north of Bridgeport; length of stream, 18 miles; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 23-35,000 annually; accessible by dirt roads which cross at Bogard's Camp and Honeymoon Flat, also by dirt road which parallels the stream for much of its length from Twin Lakes to Honeymoon Flat.

TWIN LAKES, LOWER—14 miles southwest of Bridgeport; area, 375.6 acres; altitude, 7,092 feet; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 30-75,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

TWIN LAKES, UPPER—16 miles southwest of Bridgeport; area, 264.3 acres; altitude, 7,096; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 50-75,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

LEAVITT CREEK—North of Bridgeport, from West Walker River through Leavitt Meadows; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 2-3,000 annually; accessible from State Sign Route 108.

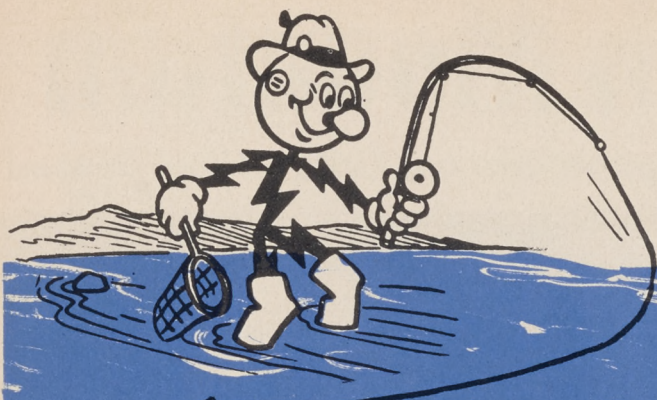
BUCKEYE CREEK, LOWER—Bridgeport Area (tributary to Robinson Creek); fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 1,500-3,000 annually; accessible by good road from Bridgeport.

SWAGER CREEK—Bridgeport Area (tributary to Buckeye Creek); planted Huntoon Camp to Canyon; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 4-6,000 annually; accessible by road from Bridgeport.

WALKER RIVER, WEST—From Topaz Lake to Leavitt Meadows; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 75,000 annually; accessible from Highway 395 which parallels it much of the way.

WALKER RIVER, LITTLE—Sonora Junction to West Walker River; fishing intensity, moderate; plants, 10-15,000 annually; accessible by Highway 395 and cross roads.

TOPAZ LAKE—On California-Nevada State Line; area, 1,300 acres; altitude, 4,990; fishing intensity, heavy; plants, 15,000 annually. *(Management of this lake is divided between California and Nevada. The latter state also plants this lake heavily with fingerlings);* readily accessible from Highway 395 which is directly adjacent.



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And there are several reasons for such an answer. But, three of the most important seem to be: plenty of snow, with the season extending from November to July each year; a variety of slopes to suit beginners as well as the most advanced; and, a new double-chair lift which went into operation in the Fall of 1955.

There are other reasons, too, why Mammoth Mountain is rapidly assuming its rightful role as one of the outstanding ski spots in the West. One of these is the owner himself, Dave McCoy, whose pioneering work and unshakeable belief that Mammoth Mountain would someday pay off has brought this area to the fore.

McCoy and his wife, both state skiing champions several years ago, operate the Mammoth Mountain slopes and chair lift under a lease from the Inyo National Forest. Most of the other winter and summer resorts in the area also lease their property from the Forest Service which has continually cooperated in the development of the Mammoth Area as a winter playground as

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well as a popular summer vacationland.

McCoy began the development several years ago and gradually increased the popularity of the slopes during that period. But the biggest step forward came in 1955 when, with a new 25-year lease in his pocket, he went ahead and installed the 3500-foot double-chair lift at an estimated cost of \$125,000. Elevation at the top is more than 10,000 feet.

Results have already been spectacular and McCoy reports that business during the 1955-1956 season has almost doubled over previous years. Obviously the skiers like the new chair lift and the other improvements that have been made.

Mammoth Mountain unquestionably has the longest season of any ski resort in the West. Snow usually blankets the slopes early in November and the cover usually hangs on until July. In fact, one of the annual events staged at Mammoth Mountain is the Fourth of July Race. Where else would you dare schedule such an event ... in the hottest part of the summer?

Several outstanding skiers have been developed at Mammoth Mountain and, of course, many of the top skiers of the country have participated in the races held there each winter. Among those who got their start and most of their practice at Mammoth



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are: Jill and Bob Kinmont, Charlotte Zumstein Rogers, Dennis Osborn, Kenny Lloyd, Johnny Murphey, and Linda Meyers. Also several youngsters are developing rapidly and will be heard from in the next few years.

Ski enthusiasts, from all parts of the state, see a bright future for Mammoth Mountain. Several new resorts have been built in the immediate area during the past year and other new ones are contemplated. Some of the older ones are expanding and remodeling to more adequately handle the expected increase in business during the next few years.

And, McCoy himself is not content to rest on his laurels. This summer he hopes to build a chalet at the top of the lift and enlarge the warming hut-cafeteria at the foot of the slopes. He also hopes to enlarge the parking area, so that more cars can be accommodated. And, even more expansion and improvement is planned in years to come ... as Mammoth Mountain becomes more and more popular as "a winter playground for Southern California."



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And, whether they get their buck or not, most of the men (*and lots of women, too*) know they will have a good time—enjoying the rugged outdoor life, the cold Fall air, and the fellowship of other hunters.

Official Department of Fish and Game figures show that 2,392 deer were legally killed in Inyo-Mono during 1955—not a record year, but still a sizeable number. Of this total, 493 were taken in Inyo County and the balance, 1,899, were shot in Mono County. Special doe shoots were held in both counties following the regular season; but, of course, the kill is not included in the figures above.

In addition, a special tule elk hunt was staged in Owens Valley December 3-10. Of the 146 hunters who were fortunate enough to get a permit (*more than 10,000 requested them*), 144 were successful (*40 bulls and 104 cows were killed*). Another tule elk hunt will probably be held in about five years.

Bird hunting is usually good in Inyo-Mono during the season, but the extremely dry year slowed it down somewhat in 1955. Prospects are much better for 1956. Goose hunting is usually best around Topaz, Crowley, and Klondike lakes. Duck hunting is also good on these waters and along the larger streams. Pheasant and quail hunting are best in the Owens Valley, from Bishop south to Independence.



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● **SUCCESSFUL NIMRODS**—All of these hunters "got their buck" during the 1955 deer season in Inyo-Mono. Six of the deer are pictured; the other had already been dressed and quartered. From left to right, the hunters are: Frank Colby, Rock Creek Lake Store; Russ Johnson, McGee Creek Pack Station; Harry Rader, Rock Creek Lake Store; Anne Johnson, McGee Creek Pack Station; Fred Wolfe, Lancaster; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hopkins of San Diego. These bucks were taken during the second week of the season in the Upper Fish Creek area. The 1955 Inyo-Mono deer kill was 2,392.



● **PHEASANT HUNTERS**—Otto Marstaller (left) shows Floyd Elston the cock pheasant he has just downed in a field south of the Bishop Airport. Both men are well-known Inyo-Mono sportsmen. The Rainbow Club co-operates with the Department of Fish and Game in raising and planting pheasants in likely areas of the Owens Valley. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).

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TRINITY CHURCH (Episcopal)—Main and Court. Rev. Roger Strem. Phone 4791. Sunday: Church School, Morning Worship, Youth Fellowship.

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Public Camp Grounds

More Than 100 to Choose From in Inyo-Mono

One of Inyo-Mono's biggest assets, as far as the sportsman is concerned, is the more-than-a hundred public campgrounds—set up and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. More than 140,000 people used the camps in Inyo National Forest alone in 1955, according to Joe Radel, new supervisor. While by far the largest number of camps are in the Inyo forest, it is safe to assume that many additional thousands enjoyed the facilities in the Toiyabe forest to the north.

Well scattered through the entire Inyo-Mono area, these public camps vary in size from small picnic spots to spacious areas where sportsmen and their families can spend days and weeks near excellent fishing and other recreation. In general, the public camps are open from May 1 to September 15. The 14-day limit will apply to most camps in the area this year, Forest Supervisor Radel said.

In choosing a camp, it is well to remember that camps located higher than 6,000 feet usually have freezing nights before June 15 and after September 15. Those higher than 8,000 feet may experience freezing nights any time during the year.

A complete list and description of the public camp grounds in Inyo-Mono follows:

Inyo National Forest . . .

LONE PINE AREA . . .

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Located 10 miles south and 4 miles west of Lone Pine near Cottonwood Pack Station, the gateway to the Cottonwood Lakes high country. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Dirt road from main highway. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing.

LONE PINE CREEK—Located 7 miles west of Lone Pine. Good oiled road. Stream water. Supplies at Lone Pine. Elevation 6500 feet. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

WHITNEY PORTAL—Located 13 miles west of Lone Pine on Lone Pine Creek. Good oiled road, rather steep but passable. 60 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Fairly level camping space. Piped and stream water. Beginning of Mt. Whitney trail. Supplies at Lone Pine. Small store at Whitney Portal Pack Station during July and August. Elevation 8000 feet. View of Mt. Whitney, highest peak in continental United States. Fishing, picnicking.

INDEPENDENCE AREA . . .

GRAY'S MEADOW—Located 6 miles west of Independence. Good oiled road. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level camping space. Stream water. Supplies at Independence. Elevation 6500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

ONION VALLEY—At the road terminus from Independence west toward Kearsarge Pass. 8 camps with tables and stoves. Stream water. It is 15 miles from Independence—the nearest supplies; a steep road with many switchbacks. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking. Pack station serving Kearsarge Pass is adjacent to campground.

OAK CREEK—Located 4 miles west of Fort Independence on the North Fork of Oak Creek. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water; good dirt road from Fish Hatchery. Elevation 4500 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

BIG PINE AREA . . .

BIG PINE CREEK—Located 10 miles west of Big Pine on oiled road to Glacier Lodge. 40 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 7900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

FIRST FALLS—On Big Pine Creek, 1 mile west of Glacier Lodge at beginning of trail to Palisade Glacier. 8 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 8500 feet. Palisade Glacier, southernmost

in continental United States, reached from here via 12 mile trail; Glacier Pack Station. Fishing, hunting.

SAGE FLAT—Located 8 miles west of Big Pine on oiled road to Glacier Lodge. 10 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Glacier Lodge. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

BISHOP CREEK AREA . . .

(For those using any of the public camps in the Bishop Creek area, supplies may be obtained at any of these four resorts: Cardinal Village, Bishop Creek Lodge, Parcher's Camp, or Lake Sabrina Camp).

BIG TREES—On Bishop Creek, 13 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 1—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 15 miles southwest of Bishop. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level ground. Elevation 8100 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 2—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road, rather narrow. 2 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Fairly level ground. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 3—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level campground. Stream water. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 4—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campground. Elevation 8700 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH FORK NO. 5—On south fork of Bishop Creek, 20 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

LA HUPP—On south fork of Bishop Creek, near South Lake, 21 miles southwest of Bishop. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camp space. Elevation 9400 feet. Fishing, picnicking.

SOUTH LAKE—A rough camping space located on the south fork of Bishop Creek at South Lake, 22 miles southwest of Bishop. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream and spring water. Elevation 9700 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

BISHOP PARK—Located on the middle fork of Bishop Creek, 16 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road. 15 camps with stoves, tables

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE DURING
JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST, 1956

COLEVILLE 8:00 A. M.

LEE VINING 10:00 A. M.

MAMMOTH 11:30 A. M.

(When necessary, a second Mass at
12:00 noon)

BRIDGEPORT 5:00 P. M.

FATHER JAMES KELLY, S. J., Pastor
Headquarters at Lee Vining

CAMPGROUNDS

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and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level camping space. Elevation 8400 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

LAKE SABRINA—On middle fork of Bishop Creek near Lake Sabrina, 18 miles southwest of Bishop. Good oiled road, but narrow. 11 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

NORTH LAKE—Located on the north fork of Bishop Creek near North Lake, 19 miles southwest of Bishop. 16 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campgrounds. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, boating, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

PINE CREEK—Pine Creek is closed to public camping due to industrial development.

ROCK CREEK AREA ...

LOWER ROCK CREEK—On Rock Creek near Tom's Place, 26 miles north of Bishop near U. S. 395. 30 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Fairly level campsites. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

IRIS MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek, 4 miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 6 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 8300 feet. Fishing, hunting.

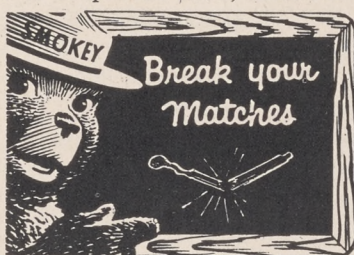
BIG MEADOW—Located on Rock Creek 4½ miles from U. S. 395. Fair dirt road. 20 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Tom's Place. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PALISADE—On Rock Creek, 5 miles south of U. S. 395, on fair dirt road. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

EAST FORK—Located along Rock Creek, 6 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 14 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level camp sites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge. Elevation 9000 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

PINE GROVE—On Rock Creek 8 miles from U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 5 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Level campsites. Supplies at Rock Creek Lodge nearby. Elevation 9300 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

ROCK CREEK LAKE—On Rock Creek & Rock Creek Lake, 11 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets.



Stream and lake water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elevation 9600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating.

MOSQUITO FLAT—Located along Rock Creek, 12 miles south of U. S. 395 on fair dirt road. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Level campsites. Stream water. Supplies at Rock Creek Lake Store. Elevation 10,000 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Entrance to High Sierra Wilderness Area.

CONVICT LAKE AREA ...

CONVICT LAKE AND CREEK—Located at Convict Lake and along Convict Creek, 5 miles southwest of Mammoth Junction and 2 miles west of U. S. 395. 20 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Lake, spring and stream water. Oiled road. Supplies at Convict Lake Resort. Elevation 7600 feet. Fishing, hunting, boating, picnicking.

MAMMOTH LAKES AREA ...

MAMMOTH CREEK—Located on Mammoth Creek on old Mammoth Lakes road, 1 mile west of U. S. 395. 4 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Casa Diablo. Elevation 7500 feet. Fishing, hunting, swimming and boating, 4 miles.

SHADY REST—Located 4 miles west of U. S. 395 near Mammoth Ranger Station on Mammoth Lakes Highway. 61 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, swimming and boating, 4 miles.

SHERWIN CREEK—Located on Sherwin Creek, 3 miles southeast of Mammoth via good dirt road. 13 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Mammoth. Elevation 7700 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming and boating, 5 miles.

TWIN LAKES—Located on Twin Lakes, ½ mile from Mammoth Lakes Highway and 3 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 58 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped water. Supplies at Twin Lakes Store. Elevation 8600 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating, swimming, 2 miles.

LAKE MARY—On Lake Mary, 3 miles west of Mammoth, reached by Mammoth Lakes Highway. 34 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Piped and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elevation 8900 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating, swimming, 1 mile.

LAKE GEORGE—On Lake George, 4 miles west of Mammoth, via Mammoth Lakes Highway. 7 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Lake and stream water. Supplies at White's Lodge and Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, boating, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

COLDWATER—On Coldwater Creek at south end of Lake Mary, 4 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. 18 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Lake Mary Store. Elevation 9000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Boating and swimming, 2 miles.

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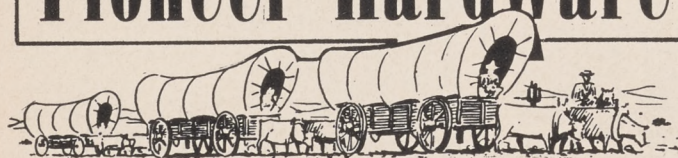


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GLASS CREEK—Located 11 miles north of Mammoth Ranger Station, and ¼ mile west of U. S. 395. Near Crestview Resort. 3 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Stream water. Supplies at Crestview. Elevation 7300 feet. Hunting, fishing.

REDS MEADOWS AREA . . .

(This area accessible by auto from U. S. Highway 395, Bishop to Lee Vining, turning off at Casa Diablo Hot Springs, past Mammoth Ranger Station and over the Minaret Summit road into Reds Meadows.)

AGNEW MEADOWS—Located 9½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station. Stream water. 9 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Beginning of trails to Shadow, Garnet and Thousand Island Lakes. Hunting, fishing. Boating 6 miles. Devils Postpile National Monument, 4 miles.

UPPER SODA SPRINGS—Located 10½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 8 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

PUMICE FLAT—Located 11½ miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station, on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 15 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

MINARET FALLS—Located 12½ miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 17 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. Hunting, fishing, picnicking. Devils Postpile National Monument, 1 mile.

DEVILS POSTPILE—Located 13 miles northwest of Mammoth Ranger Station on road to Reds Meadow. Stream water. 24 camps with tables, stoves and toilets. Elevation 8000 feet. National Monument. Operated by the National Park Service. Fishing, swimming, picnicking.

REDS MEADOW—Located 14 miles west of Mammoth Ranger Station. Spring and stream water. 62 camps with stoves, tables and toilets. Near guard station and Reds Meadow Resort and Pack Station. Hot water tub bathhouse nearby. Also public tourist pasture. Supplies available at Reds Meadow Store. Elevation 8000 feet. Fishing, hunting.

JUNE LAKE AREA . . .

GULL LAKE—Within 1 hour drive of ghost town of Bodie, over fair road. One-half hour drive to Mono Craters and Mono Lake. Adjacent to Gull Lake, reached by paved road 4 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 24 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water supply. Toilet facilities. Stores and supplies nearby. Elevation 7600 feet. Hunting, boating, fishing, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles.

SILVER LAKE—Adjacent to Silver Lake, reached by paved road 8 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. 17 camps with stoves and tables. Piped water, toilet facilities. Store supplies and pack station adjacent. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting.

RUSH CREEK—Along Rush Creek between Silver and Grant Lakes, reached by paved road 8 to 10 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 43 camp sites scattered and in groups along 2½ miles of Rush Creek. Toilet facilities. Stores, supplies and pack trains nearby. Elevation 7200 feet. Boating, hunting, fishing, picnicking.

JUNE LAKE—Adjacent to June Lake, reached by paved road 2 miles west of June Lake Junction on Highway 395—56 miles north of Bishop. Approximately 27 camps, piped water, toilet facilities, store, supplies and boats adjacent. Elevation 7600 feet. Boating, swimming, fishing, hunting, picnicking.

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TIOGA PASS AREA...

LEE VINING—Situated along Lee Vining Creek 1 mile west of Highway 395 on the Tioga Pass Highway. 35 camps with stoves and tables, piped water, toilet facilities. Stores and supplies 1½ miles east at town of Lee Vining. Elevation 7200 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking. Swimming, 2 miles, in Mono Lake (salt water).

SADDLEBAG LAKE—On Saddlebag Lake, reached by fair dirt road 2 miles from Tioga Pass Highway at a point 12 miles west of Highway 395. 10 camps with stoves and tables; Toilet facilities. Boats adjacent. Store and supplies on Tioga Pass Highway. Elevation 10,000 feet. Boating, fishing, hunting, picnicking, hiking. Entrance to Hoover Wild Area.

ELLERY LAKE—On Tioga Pass Highway 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park Boundary. 8 camps with stoves and tables, toilet facilities. Adjacent to Lee Vining Creek and Ellery Lake; store, supplies and boats nearby. Elevation 9400 feet. Boating, fishing, picnicking, hunting, hiking.

TIOGA JUNCTION—On Tioga Pass Highway, 12 miles west of Highway 395, 2 miles from Yosemite Park on the junction of Lee Vining Creek and Mine Creek. 4 excellent camps with tables, toilet facilities. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9500 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking.

TIOGA LAKE—Situated adjacent to Tioga Lake on Tioga Pass Highway, 13 miles west of Highway 395, and one mile east of Yosemite National Park boundary. 3 camp sites, toilet facilities. Store and supplies nearby. Elevation 9800 feet. Fishing, hunting, picnicking, boating, hiking.

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VIRGINIA LAKES AREA...

TRUMBULL LAKE AREA—Located on Virginia Creek, 5 miles west of Conway Summit which

is on Highway 395, via the Virginia Creek road. 40 stoves, 55 tables and benches, piped and stream water. Level campground with trailer space and toilet facilities. Virginia Lake Resort nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation, 9960 feet.

GREEN CREEK AREA...

GREEN CREEK CAMP—Located on Green Creek, 15 miles south and west of Bridgeport via Highway 395 and the Green Creek road. No stoves,



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12 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream water. Green Creek Resort with store, supplies, cabins and pack train nearby. Elevation 7500 feet.

TWIN LAKES AREA...

HONEYMOON FLAT—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 11 miles on the Twin Lakes road. No stoves, 12 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

ROBINSON CREEK—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 5 stoves, 9 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

LOWER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 12 miles on the Twin Lakes road. 4 stoves, 6 tables and benches and toilet facilities. Stream and spring water. Crags Resort with store, supplies and boats on lower Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

UPPER TWIN LAKES—Located on Robinson Creek west of Bridgeport, 15 miles on the Twin Lakes road. This is a private camp with stoves, tables, toilet facilities, trailer space and cabins. Resort with store, supplies and boats at the camp on Upper Twin Lakes. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7100 feet.

BRIDGEPORT-TOPAZ AREA...

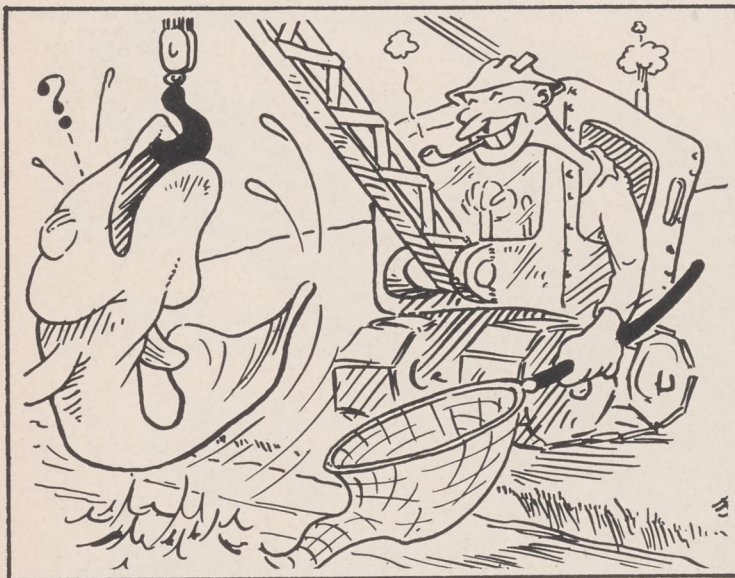
BRIDGEPORT RESERVOIR AND EAST WALKER RIVER—Located 3 miles north of Bridgeport on Highway 22. No developed camps in this area. Motels, hotels, stores and supplies at Bridgeport. Boats on the Reservoir. Elevation 6400 feet.

WEST WALKER RIVER—Sonora Bridge located on the West Walker River, 1 mile west of the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. Partly developed. 12 stoves, 12 tables and benches, piped water. Supplies at Fales Hot Springs on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Pack trains at Devils Gate on Highway 395, 3 miles from camp. Elevation 6800 feet.

LEAVITT MEADOWS—Located on West Walker River 7 miles west of Junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 108. 15 stoves, 15 tables and benches, piped water and toilet facilities. Leavitt Meadow Lodge nearby with store and supplies. Pack train nearby. Elevation 7000 feet.

CHRIS FLAT—Located on the West Walker River three miles below the junction of Highway 395 and 108 on Highway 395. 20 stoves, 20 tables and benches, piped water and toilet facilities. Store and supplies at Coleville, 12 miles down river on Highway 395. Elevation 6500 feet.

COLEVILLE—No developed camps in this area. A number of motels with store and supplies and three pack trains. Lost Canyon Trail into Lost Canyon. Boats available on Topaz Lake, also motels, store and supplies. Elevation 5000 feet.



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The Inyo-Mono "vacationland" is fortunate to have a score of licensed, reputable pack stations scattered through its area from Coso Junction on the south to Coleville on the north. All can readily be reached by auto. The area is also very fortunate to have a fine network of mountain trails, set up and maintained by the U. S. Forest Service, which cross the Sierra Crest at many places and meet the famous north-south John Muir Trail. (Trails listed on next page).

Basically, there are two types of pack trips in addition to the scenic one-day rides offered by several of the pack stations:

EXTENDED PACK TRIPS

These average a week or 10 days in length and the packer (or packers) stays right with the party so that it can move from one camp to another if the members wish. Cost is approximately \$4 per day per head of stock (pack mule or saddle horse). A packer costs between \$12 and \$15 per day, including his saddle horse. For trips extending two weeks and longer, costs are slightly lower, averaging \$3.50 per day per head of stock, with the packer's per diem cost the same as above.

SPOT PACK TRIPS

Party is packed to the camp site of their choice and left there until a pre-arranged date when the packer will return and take them out. With a party of four persons or more, costs run from \$25 to \$50 per person, depending on the distance they are packed in. For parties of less than four persons, the cost is slightly higher per person. These "spot pack trips" are the more popular of the two.

Location of the various pack stations are noted on the large maps (pages 24-27) and most of them have advertisements in the sections of Inyo-Mono (pages 64-177) in which they operate. Additional information may be obtained by writing them.

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FOREST SERVICE MEN WORKING ON TRAIL FROM MCGEE TO FISH CREEK

The fine network of trails, which makes it possible to hike or pack-in to almost any part of the High Sierras, is no accident. It is an important achievement of the U. S. Forest Service which annually spends considerable money and man-hours in building, re-building, and maintaining these trails.

During the 1955 season, the crew from the Inyo National Forest did re-building and maintenance work on these trails: Monache Meadows to Camp Viega, Jordan Hot Springs to Red Rock, Mt. Whitney, Taboose Pass, McGee Pass, Clark Lakes, and parts of the famous John Muir Trail. Considerable financial help was received from Inyo County for bettering the trails within the boundries of Inyo County. Trails to be improved this year are the ones to Blue Lake (above Sabrina) and Bishop Pass.

High Sierra Trails

Inyo National Forest . . .

HAIWEE CANYON—From end of Haiwee Canyon road to Deer Mountain at the headwaters of the South Fork of Kern River.

OLANCHA—From Sage Flat southwest of Olancho to Monache Meadow.

COTTONWOOD CANYON—From end of Cottonwood Canyon road to Horseshoe Meadow.

CARROLL CREEK—From end of Carroll Creek road past Cottonwood Lakes to Army Pass.

MT. WHITNEY—From Whitney Portal camp ground to the 14,495-foot summit of Mt. Whitney, highest point in the United States.

SHEPHERD PASS—From end of Symmes Creek road to headwaters of the Kern River.

KEARSARGE PASS—From Onion Valley camp ground to Bubbs Creek and Bull Frog Lake, which empty into South Fork of Kings River.

SAWMILL PASS—From end of Sawmill Creek road to Woods Lake and South Fork of Kings River.

TABOOSE PASS—From end of Taboose Creek road to headwaters of South Fork of Kings Canyon.

BIG PINE—From Glacier Lodge to Palisade Glacier Basin.

BISHOP PASS—From South Lake to headwaters of North Fork of Kings Canyon.

PIUTE PASS—From North Lake to Humphrey Basin.

PINE CREEK—From end of Pine Creek road over Hilgard Pass to Lake Italy.

MONO PASS—From Rock Creek Lake to Pioneer Basin and the Recesses of Mono Creek.

HILTON CREEK—From Long Valley to Hilton Creek Lakes.

MCGEE CREEK—From end of McGee Creek road over the Red Slate Mountain Pass to head of Fish Creek.

DUCK PASS—From Lake Mary to Duck Lake.

SHADOW LAKE—From Agnew Meadow to Shadow Lake and Thousand Island Lake.

AGNEW LAKE—From Silver Lake past Agnew Lake into Minarets Basin.

SADDLEBAG—From Saddlebag Reservoir to Lundy Lake.

Toiyabe National Forest . . .

VIRGINIA LAKES—Goes west into Yosemite National Park, passing the following lakes: Red, Blue, Frog, and Summit.

GREEN CREEK—Goes west into Yosemite National Park, passing the following lakes: Green, East, Gilman, Eastman, Hoover, and Summit. Green Creek Trail joins the Virginia Creek Trail at Summit Lake. A side trail goes from Green Creek Trail northwest to West Lake.

UPPER TWIN LAKES—Trails in this area are the Cattle Horse Loop, south of the Twin Lakes; Barney Lake Trail west from Upper Twin Lakes along Robinson Creek to Barney Lake; Eagle Peak Trail north of the lakes to Eagle Peak; Buckeye Trail from Bogard's Camp, or from the Bridgeport Ranger Station, five miles north of Bridgeport, extending along Buckeye Creek and on into Yosemite National Park. (The south fork of this trail leads to Peeler Lake and the north fork goes across Kirkwood Pass into the headwaters of the West Walker River).

LITTLE WALKER—This trail follows Little Walker River and Molybdenite Creek. Lakes reached by this trail: Emma, Anna, and McMillan.

WEST WALKER—Extends along the West Walker River to Kirkwood Pass where it joins the Buckeye Trail. This trail forks at the Middle Piute Meadows and the west fork goes into Yosemite National Park along Cascade Creek, passing the following lakes: Harriet, Cora, Ruth, Helen, Bonnie, and into the Park at Dorothy Lake. Other lakes reached by the West Walker Trail below the forks in the trail are: Poore, Roosevelt, Lane, Hidden, Red Top, Fremont, Chain of Lakes, and Cinko.

LOST CANYON—This trail extends into Lost Canyon from the Coleville area.



STEW HARRIS AND JERRY HOLT ALONG MUIR TRAIL

Back-Packing

**An Economical Way to See
The Sierras ... Here Are Some Tips**

... by TOM HENDERSON

There are some fantastically beautiful spots in the High Sierra Wilderness Area that can be reached by only one method—*back-packing*. Before you shudder and turn the page, mumbling that a better term would be *backbreaking*, let's take a look at what may put these isolated areas into the easy-going class—or at least easier going.

Backpacking has come a long way since we tied 40 pounds of grub in a bedroll, slung it on our back, and wheezed 15 miles to some secret fishing spot. Those days we had to return in less than a week because we were out of food. Today we can stay two weeks on 25 pounds of well chosen food and equipment including pack, camera, fishing gear, down sleeping bag, and a couple of gallon cans for cooking.

Impossible, you say! Not at all. Let's see what variety of food will make your pack lighter. Fast becoming the most popular is *DriLite*, a commercially prepared food that has absolutely all the water removed. I know, the thought of dehydrated food made me sick too, but *DriLite* is a far cry from the dehydrated food of war-time use. The big difference is that the new items taste like food.

You can choose from a list of 35 items, ranging from orange juice crystals to chili 'n beans. They even have a vegetable aspic called Sierra Salad and it's terrific. The wonderful part of this is the total food on a pack trip (including staples from your local store such as bacon, sugar, and hard candy) will average about one pound per person per day. In terms of a longer backcountry trip or an easier pull up a mountain pass, this is pretty impressive.

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BACK-PACKING

An Economical Way to See the Sierras

... continued from last page

There is another good point. You can do all this for about forty cents per person per meal. Here's a typical dinner for four persons.

Chili 'N Beans.....	.45
Potato Dices.....	.35
Sierra Salad.....	.35
Raspberry fruit drink....	.20
Chocolate pudding.....	.30
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If you would rather experiment and get away from the highly dehydrated foods, then try putting together some of the things found in every grocery store. Cheese, raisins, nuts, chocolate, dried beef, cookies, bullion, powdered milk, and many others. Menus for weekend trips can be worked out from these items but there isn't much variety for longer trips. You'll need about 4000 calories per day to keep you going at these high altitudes, so stick to plenty of fat foods like cheese and nuts.

Other ready prepared menus in semi-dehydrated form are also on the market. *Bernards* is one of these and probably the most popular of the half wet, half dry preparations. In this case



TOM HENDERSON PHOTO

NICE CATCH FOR STEW HARRIS FROM BENCH LAKE

we find pre-cooked meat dishes, puddings, biscuits, hotcake floors, and cheese items. Some are canned and some are cellophane wrapped. they come packaged as a complete unit for a specific number of meals and a specific number of persons. It's fine food with a good variety but slightly heavier than the completely dehydrated items.

Remember this! Food should be fun to eat. If it doesn't taste good, it isn't worth buying or hauling up some rocky slope. Today's dehydrated foods have top flavor and can be combined in dozens of different ways for varied meals. You should never have to say, "it's the same old thing for chow again."

Now what about the packs? Ask a dozen backpackers what type pack to use and you'll get 12 different answers. However, there is one main point about the pack you buy on which everyone agrees. It has to fit properly—or the trip is going to be just plain miserable regardless of how much weight you carry. By this we mean the straps should be tight enough to hold the pack

firmly against the back but not so tight they cut off the blood to the fingers. If the pack is flopping around as you walk downhill the straps are too loose. If your fingertips begin to tingle or your hands "go to sleep" this is the warning sign that your circulation is impaired. Somewhere between these two situations is the right strap adjustment and the only way to find out is to try it.

Some people carry 'em high, some like 'em low. One backpacker will tell you to keep the weight up on your shoulders if you want to get there quicker and easier. Another will tell you that part of the weight on the middle of the back and the rest on your hips is the only way. Personally I'm one of those people that think *any change* is a help. If you're packing with another person take different packs then you can trade off along the trail.

Probably the most popular pack on the market today is the Trapper Nelson, or some modification. This is merely a canvas sack attached to a rectangular wooden or aluminum frame. The weight is distributed more or less evenly up and down the entire back although you can adjust the weight a little high or low, depending upon how tight you make the shoulder straps.

Then there is the Army's rucksack—a heavy duty canvas sack cut to fit a triangular aluminum frame. It's heavy (6 pounds compared to the 4½ of the Trapper Nelson). Other packs designed around the above models but made from very light material run as light as two pounds. If you think a couple of pounds is nothing to get excited about, just remember there are expert backpackers who are so conscious of weight they cut half the handle off their toothbrushes merely to save a few ounces.

Another pack remarkably constructed, but seldom seen, is the Swiss inspired creation which resembles a snowshoe. What would be the "toe" is turned at ninety degrees and is bent over your head in the carrying position. A light canvas sack strapped to the frame carries the supplies and your sleeping bag is tied to the portion over your head. The weight stays very high and, if it doesn't suit your particular need, at least it will keep the sun off your head while you're breezing up the trail.

Are there disadvantages to backpacking? You bet!! But there are advantages too. Here are some of both:

ADVANTAGES

MOBILITY: You can move around more—see places you can't see when you take horses or mules. You're completely independent.

FOOD: You'll find light foods easy to prepare and a real adventure in eating. They are light on the back and it doesn't take all night to stir up a very acceptable meal.

SPEED: There's nothing to hold you back. Two or three miles an hour is routine on backpacking trips which means you can see more country in the time you have to spare.

SAFETY: There's nothing unsafe about backpacking provided you take the usual precautions in the mountains—good footwear and keep off the hazardous climbs unless you have rock climbing experience.

DISADVANTAGES

Anything you carry over your own weight involves work and it's mighty easy to let a horse carry your load.

No matter how good they make dehydrated food, it will never take the place of ham and eggs or fresh fruit and you can't carry much of this on your back.

Horse travel is not as fast as backpacking but you feel better when you get where you're going. You may be stiff but you're not bushed.

If you sprain or break an ankle, and this can happen to anyone, you have no way to get out of the mountains without help. With a horse at least you can ride until you find someone.

Take a weekend shakedown cruise this summer and give backpacking a try. When you top that first pass, and stare open-mouthed at a tumbling glacier fed stream thrashing to the bottom of a three thousand foot granite canyon, you'll wonder what happened to all those troubles you had last week. For a look at those seldom seen wilderness area spots where trout are bigger and views are better, go light—and have fun!

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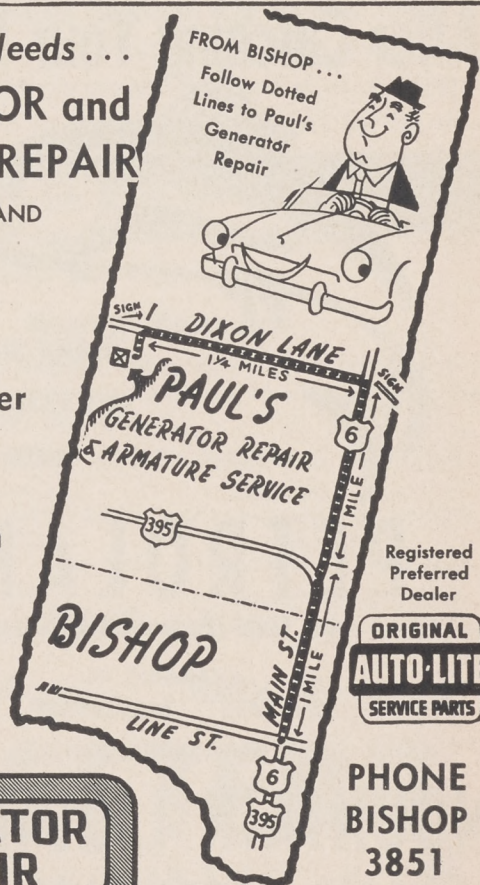
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Inyo County...

LITTLE LAKE-LONE PINE AREA...

KERN RIVER (Tulare County)—Kern River South Fork, Rainbow; Rocky Basin Lakes 1-2-3-4-5, Golden.

LONE PINE CREEK—Boy Scout Lake, Cutthroat; Consultation Lake, Rainbow; Lone Pine Lake, Rainbow; Meysan Lake, Lower, Brook; Meysan Lake, Upper, Brook; Mirror Lake, Rainbow; Peanut Lake, Brook.

COTTONWOOD CREEK—Cirque Lake, Golden; High Lake, Golden; Lower South Fork Lake, Golden; Long Lake, Golden; Cottonwood Lakes 1-2-3-4-5-6, Golden; Muir Lake, Golden.

SHEPHERDS CREEK—Williamson Lakes 1-2-3, Cutthroat; Williamson Lakes 4-5-6-7, Brook.

OWENS LAKE—Owens River, Brown.

INDEPENDENCE AREA...

INDEPENDENCE CREEK—Bench Lake, Rainbow; Flower Lake, Brook; Gilbert Lake, Brook; Golden Trout Lakes 1-2-3-4, Golden; Heart Lake, Brook; Matlock Lake, Rainbow; Pothole Lake, Brook; Little Pothole Lake, Brook; Robinson Creek, Brook; Slim Lake, Rainbow.

OAK CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Oak Creek Lakes 1-2, Brook.

SAWMILL CREEK—Sawmill Lake, Rainbow.

BIG PINE AREA...

RED MOUNTAIN CREEK—Red Mountain Lake, Golden.

BIRCH CREEK—Birch Lake, Rainbow.

BIG PINE CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Big Pine Creek South Fork, Rainbow; Glacier Lake, Brook; Brainard Lake, Brook; Finger Lake, Brook; Thumb Lake, Brook; Willow Lake, Brook.

OWENS RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Big Pine Creek Section I, Brown; Big Pine Creek Section II, Rainbow; Baker Creek, Brook.

BIG PINE CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Big Pine Lakes 1-2-3-4-5-6, Rainbow; Big Pine Lake 7, Brook; Black Lake, Rainbow; Sam Mack Lake, Brook; Summit Lake, Brook.

BAKER CREEK—Baker Lake, Brook; Hidden Lake, Golden; Thunder and Lightning Lake, Brook.

COYOTE CREEK—Funnel Lake, Brook; Rocky Bottom Lake, Brook.

BISHOP AREA...

BISHOP CREEK (SOUTH FORK)—Bluff Lake, Brook; Brown Lake, Rainbow; Bull Lake, Brook; Chocolate Lake 1-2-3, Brook; Green Lake, Rainbow; Hurd Lake, Brook; Inconsolable Lake, Brook; Ledge Lake, Brook; Long Lake, Rainbow; Margaret Lake (3rd), Brook; Marie Louise Lake 1-2, Brook; Mule Lake, Rainbow; Ruwau Lake, Rainbow; Spearhead Lake, Rainbow; Timberline Lake 1, Rainbow; Timberline Lake 2, Brook; Treasure Lake 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8, Golden; Tyee Lake 1-2-3-4-5, Rainbow; Tyee Lake 6, Brook; Saddlerock Lake, Rainbow.

BISHOP CREEK (MIDDLE FORK)—Lower Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Middle Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Upper Baboon Lake, Rainbow; Blue Lake, Rainbow; Blue Heaven Lake,

Rainbow; Bottleneck Lake, Brook; Dingleberry Lake, Brook; Donkey Lake, Brook; Drunken Sailor Lake, Rainbow; Echo Lake, Brook; Emerald Lake 2-3-4, Brook; Fishgut Lake 1-2-3, Brook; Little George Lake, Brook; George Lake, Rainbow; Granite Lake, Brook; Helldiver Lakes 1-2-3, Brook; Helldiver Lakes 4-5, Golden; Hungry Packer Lake, Rainbow; Midnight Lake, Rainbow; Moonlight Lake, Rainbow; Schober's Hole Lake 1-3, Brook; Sunset Lake, Brook; Thompson Lake, Brook; Topsy-Turvey Lake, Brook.

BISHOP CREEK (NORTH FORK)—Emerson Lake, Brook; Grass Lake, Brook; Lower Lamarck Lake, Rainbow; Upper Lamarck Lake, Rainbow; Loch Leven Lake, Rainbow; Piute Lake, Rainbow; Wonder Lakes 1-2-3, Brook.

HORTON CREEK—Horton Lake, Brook; Horton Lake 2, Rainbow; Horton Lakes 3-4, Golden.

PINE CREEK—Birch Lake, Rainbow; Lower Chalfant Lake, Rainbow; Upper Chalfant Lake, Rainbow; Gable Lake 1-2-3-4, Brook; Golden Lake, Golden; Granite Lake, Golden; Honeymoon Lake, Rainbow; Pine Lakes 1-2, Rainbow.

MORGAN CREEK—Bear Lake, Rainbow; Finch, Brook; Hidden Lake, Rainbow; Lower Morgan Lake, Rainbow; Upper Morgan Lake, Rainbow; Spire Lake, Brook; Split Lake, Brook.

ROCK CREEK-MAMMOTH AREA . . .

ROCK CREEK (WEST FORK)—Big Fish Lake 1-2-3, Rainbow; Box Lake, Rainbow; Chickenfoot Lake, Rainbow; Dam Lake, Rainbow; Lower Gem Lake, Brook; Middle Gem Lake, Brook; Upper Gem Lake, Brook; Heart Lake, Brook; Long Lake, Rainbow; Mack Lake, Brook; Marsh Lake, Brook; Patricia Lake, Brook; Ruby Lake, Brook; Sublime Lake, Brook; Treasure Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook; Serene Lake, Brook.

ROCK CREEK (EAST FORK)—Buck Lake, Brook; Catherine Lake, Brook; Dorothy Lake, Rainbow; Easternbrook Lakes 1-2, Rainbow; Franci Lake, Brook; Fourth Recess, Rainbow; Hidden Lake 1, Rainbow; Hidden Lake 2-3-4-5-6, Brook; Kenneth Lake, Brook.

Mono County . . .

MONO CREEK—Needle Lake, Brook; Red and White Mountain Lake, Golden.

HILTON CREEK—Hilton Lakes 1-2, Rainbow; Hilton Lakes 3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10, Brook; Stanford Lake, Rainbow.

CONVICT CREEK—Bighorn Lake, Brook; Bright Dot Lake, Brook; Bunney Lake, Brook; Cloverleaf Lake, Brook; Constance Lake, Brook; Convict Lake, Rainbow; Dorothy Lake, Rainbow; Edith Lake, Brook; Genevieve Lake, Brook; Mildred Lake, Rainbow; Witsonapah Lake, Brook.

MCGEE CREEK—Baldwin Lake, Golden; Crocker Lake, Brook; Gold Lake, Rainbow; Grass Lake, Rainbow; Meadow Lake, Brook; Lower McGee Lake, Rainbow; Upper McGee Lake, Rainbow; Round Lake, Rainbow; Steelhead Lake, Rainbow; Trail Lake, Rainbow.

SHERWIN CREEK TRIBUTARIES—Sherwin Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook.

OWENS RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Crowley Lake, Brown, Rainbow; Cutthroat; Hot Creek, Rainbow; Brown; Mammoth Creek, Rainbow; Laurel Creek, Brook; Deadman Creek, Brook.

LAUREL CREEK—Bloody Lake, Brook; Laurel Lake 1-2, Rainbow.

MAMMOTH CREEK—Arrowhead Lake, Brook; Barney Lake, Brook; Barrett Lake, Brook; Crystal Lake, Brook; Lake George, Brook; Lake Mamie, Brook; Lake Mary, Rainbow; Mud Lake, Brook; McLeod Lake, Brook; Olie Lake, Brook; Skelton Lake, Brook; Tee Jay Lake, Brook; Wood Lake, Brook.

DEADMAN CREEK—Glass Creek, Brook.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

FISH CREEK (Fresno County)—Cecil Lake, Rainbow; Deer Lake 1-2, Rainbow; Duck Lake, Rainbow; Lee Lake, Rainbow; Pika Lake, Rainbow; Purple Lake, Rainbow.

FRENCH CANYON GROUP (Fresno County)—French Canyon Lake 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Steelhead Lake, Golden.

HOPKINS CREEK (Fresno County)—Upper Hopkins Lake, Brook; Lower Hopkins Lake, Brook.

KINGS CREEK (Madera County)—Anona Lake, Brook; Ashley Lake, Rainbow; Lower Beck Lake, Rainbow; Upper Beck Lake, Rainbow; Fern Lake, Rainbow; Holcomb Lake, Rainbow; Noname Lake, Brook; Superior Lake (Fresno County), Rainbow.

MINARET CREEK (Madera County)—Johnson Lake, Brook; Minaret . . . continued on next page



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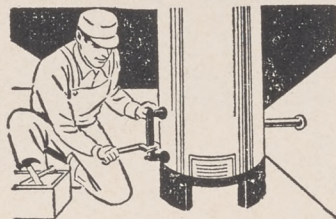
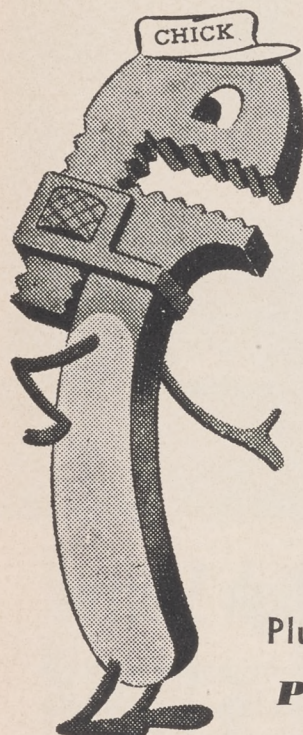
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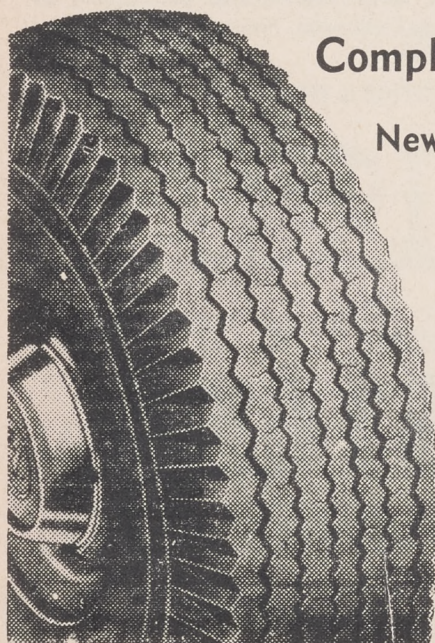
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Lake, Brook; Deadhorse Lake, Brook.

PIUTE CREEK (Fresno County)—Coney Lake, Golden; Little Desolation Lake, Golden; Big Desolation Lake, Golden; Lower Golden Trout Lake, Golden; Upper Golden Trout Lake, Golden; Lower Honeymoon Lake, Golden; Upper Honeymoon Lake, Golden; Lower Humphrey's Lake 1-2, Golden; Upper Humphrey's Lake, Golden; Knob Lake, Golden; Lower Lobe Lake, Golden; Upper Lobe Lake, Golden; Lower Lost Lake, Golden; Upper Lost Lake, Golden; Lovejoy Lake, Golden; Marmot Lake, Golden; Muriel Lakes, 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Paine Lake, Golden; Ramona Lake, Golden; Royce Lakes 1-2-3-4-5, Golden; Square Lake, Brook; Tomahawk Lake, Golden; Unnamed Lake, Golden; Unnamed Lakes 1-2 (near Big Desolation), Golden; Vista Lake, Brook; Wahoo Lake 1, Golden.

PIONEER BASIN (Fresno County)—Pioneer Basin Lakes 1-2-2A-3-4-4A-4B-4C-5-6, Brook.

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER (MIDDLE FORK) (Madera County)—Alpha Lake, Brook; Bird Lake, Rainbow; Castle Lake, Rainbow; Clarice Lake, Rainbow; Crater Creek, Rainbow; Emerald Lake, Rainbow; Fish Creek, Rainbow; Garnet Lake, Rainbow; Gladys Lake, Rainbow; Kings Creek, Rainbow; Laura Lake, Rainbow; Lois Lake, Brook; Lost Dog Lake, Brook; Minaret Creek, Rainbow; Olane Lake, Rainbow; Sotcher Lake, Rainbow; Thousand Island Lake, Rainbow; Vivian Lake, Rainbow; Rosalie Lake, Rainbow; Badger Lake, Rainbow.

SHADOW CREEK (Madera County)—Cabin Lake, Brook; Cecille Lake, Rainbow; Ediza Lake, Brook; Iceberg Lake, Brook; Upper Nydiver Lake, Brook; Middle Nydiver Lake, Brook; Lower Nydiver Lake, Brook.

RUSH CREEK DRAINAGE . . .

RUSH CREEK—Agnew Lake, Rainbow; Alger Lake 1-2-3, Golden; Billy Lake, Brook; Carson Lake, Brook; Clarke Lakes 1-2-3-4, Brook; Lower Davis Lake, Brook; Upper Davis Lake, Brook; Fern Lake, Brook; Gem Lake, Rainbow; Grant Lake, Rainbow, Brook, Brown; Island Pass Lake, Rainbow; June Lake, Cutthroat, Rainbow; Lost Lakes, Rainbow; Marie Creek, Brook; Lower Marie Lake, Brook; Upper Marie Lake, Brook; Reverse Creek, Brook; Roger Lake, Brook; Rush Creek, Brook, Rainbow; Silver Lake, Brook; Sullivan Lake, Brook; Waah Lake, Rainbow; Webber Lake, Brook; Yost Lake, Brook.

MONO BASIN DRAINAGE . . .

PARKER CREEK—Parker Lake, Brook.
WALKER CREEK—Lower Sardine Lake, Brook; Upper Sardine Lake, Brook; Little Walker Lake, Brook.
MONO BASIN—Lee Vining Creek (South Fork), Brook; Lee Vining Creek (North Fork), Rainbow.
LEE VINING CREEK—Ellery Lake, Brook; Frog Lake, Brook; Gardicky Lake, Brook; Tioga Lake, Brook; Mine Creek, Brook; Saddlebag Lake, Brook; Slate Creek, Rainbow; Warren Creek, Brook; Wasco Lake, Brook; Z Lake, Brook; Thimble Lake, Brook; Lower Conness Lake, Golden; Middle Conness Lake, Golden; Upper Conness Lake, Golden.

MINE CREEK—Fantail Lake, Brook; Shell Lake, Brook; Spuller Lake, Brook.

MONO LAKE—Mill Creek, Brook.

SLATE CREEK—Alpine Lake, Brook; Finger Lake, Brook; Green Lake, Brook; Moule Lake, Brook; Treble Lake, Brook.

MILL CREEK—Blue Lake, Brook; Crystal Lake, Brook; Ida Lake, Brook; Oneida Lake, Brook; Upper Bruno Lake, Brook; Cascade Lake, Rainbow; East Lake, Rainbow; Excelsior Lake, Rainbow; Helen Lake, Rainbow; Shamrock Lake, Brook; Little Steelhead Lake, Brook.

GREEN CREEK—Dana Lake, Brook; Dynamo Lake, Rainbow; Gilman Lake, Rainbow; Green Lake, Brook; Lower Hoover Lake, Brook; Upper Hoover Lake, Brook; Nutter Lake, Rainbow; Page Lake, Rainbow; Summers Creek, Brook; Summit Lake, Brook; West Lake, Rainbow.

VIRGINIA CREEK—Blue Lake, Brook; Cooney Lake, Brook; Dunderburg Creek, Brook; Lower Frog Lake, Brook; Middle Frog Lake, Brook; Upper Frog Lake, Brook; Moat Lake, Brook; Red Lake, Brook; Trumbull Lake, Brook; Lower Virginia Lake, Brown; Upper Virginia Lake, Brown.

EAST WALKER RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

EAST WALKER RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Green Creek, Brook and Brown; Virginia Creek, Brook; Bridgeport Reservoir, Brown; Lower Buckeye Creek, Brown; Upper Buckeye Creek, Brook; Glacier Lake, Brook; Glenberry Lake, Brook; Horse Canyon Creek, Brook; Horse Canyon Lake, Brook; Hunnewill Lake, Brook; Ice Lake, Brook; Lone Valley Creek, Brook; Maltby Lake, Brook; Mormon Creek, Brook; Murphy Creek, Rainbow; Rough Creek, Rainbow; Swager Creek, Brook; Sweetwater Creek, Brook; Robinson Creek, Rainbow; Tamarack Lake, Brook; Turquoise Lake, Brook; Lower Twin Lakes, Rainbow; Upper Twin Lakes, Rainbow.

ROBINSON CREEK—Barney Lake, Brook; Crown Lake, Rainbow; Eagle Creek, Brook; Peeler Lake, Rainbow and Brook; Snow Lake, Rainbow; Tamarack Creek, Brook.

WEST WALKER RIVER DRAINAGE . . .

WEST WALKER RIVER TRIBUTARIES—Anna Lake, Golden; Beartrap Lake, Brook; Bench Lake, Brook; Blue Lake, Rainbow; Bonnie Lake, Rainbow; Borda Lake, Rainbow; Butts Lake, Rainbow; Carmen Lake, Brook; Cinko Lake, Rainbow; Cora Lake, Rainbow; Deep Creek, Brook; Little Deep Creek, Brook; Desert Creek, Brook; Desert Creek, (East Fork), Brook; Frances Lake, Brook; Fremont Lake, Rainbow; Fryng Pan Creek, Brook; Emma Lake, Rainbow; Grizzley Lake, Golden; Harriet Lake, Rainbow; Harding Lake, Rainbow; Helen Lake, Rainbow; Kirkwood Lake, Brook; Lone Lake, Brook; Leavitt Creek, Rainbow; Leavitt Lake, Rainbow; Mill Canyon Creek, Brook; Millie Lake, Brook; Poore Lake, Brook; Red Top Lake, Brook; Roosevelt Lake, Brook; Ruth Lake, Brook; Silver Creek, Rainbow; Brown, Brook, and Cutthroat; Slinkard Creek, Brook; Stella Lake, Brook; Little West Walker, Brook and Rainbow; Wolf Creek, Rainbow.

LITTLE WEST WALKER TRIBUTARIES—Lewis Lake, Brook; Molybdenite Creek, Brook; McMillan Lake, Brook.



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If you like trout fishing, you'll find hundreds of lakes and streams in the High Sierras. Deer hunting is especially good, too, in the fall. Duck and goose hunting are excellent, as are pheasant, quail and chukar. Skiers find excellent slopes in the Onion Valley area just west of Independence. And, for a sunny winter vacation, hundreds annually visit the famous Death Valley and Panamint resorts.

In Inyo county you'll find the highest point in the United States at Mt. Whitney (14,496 feet) west of Lone Pine. And, only a few miles to the southeast, you'll find the lowest point at Bad Water in Death Valley (279 feet below sea level).

You'll also find many historic places of interest and much of the early history of such well-known places as Cerro Gordo, Darwin, Panamint, etc., are captured in the displays at the Eastern California Museum located at the Inyo County courthouse (pictured above) at Independence. We invite you to stop in to see it.

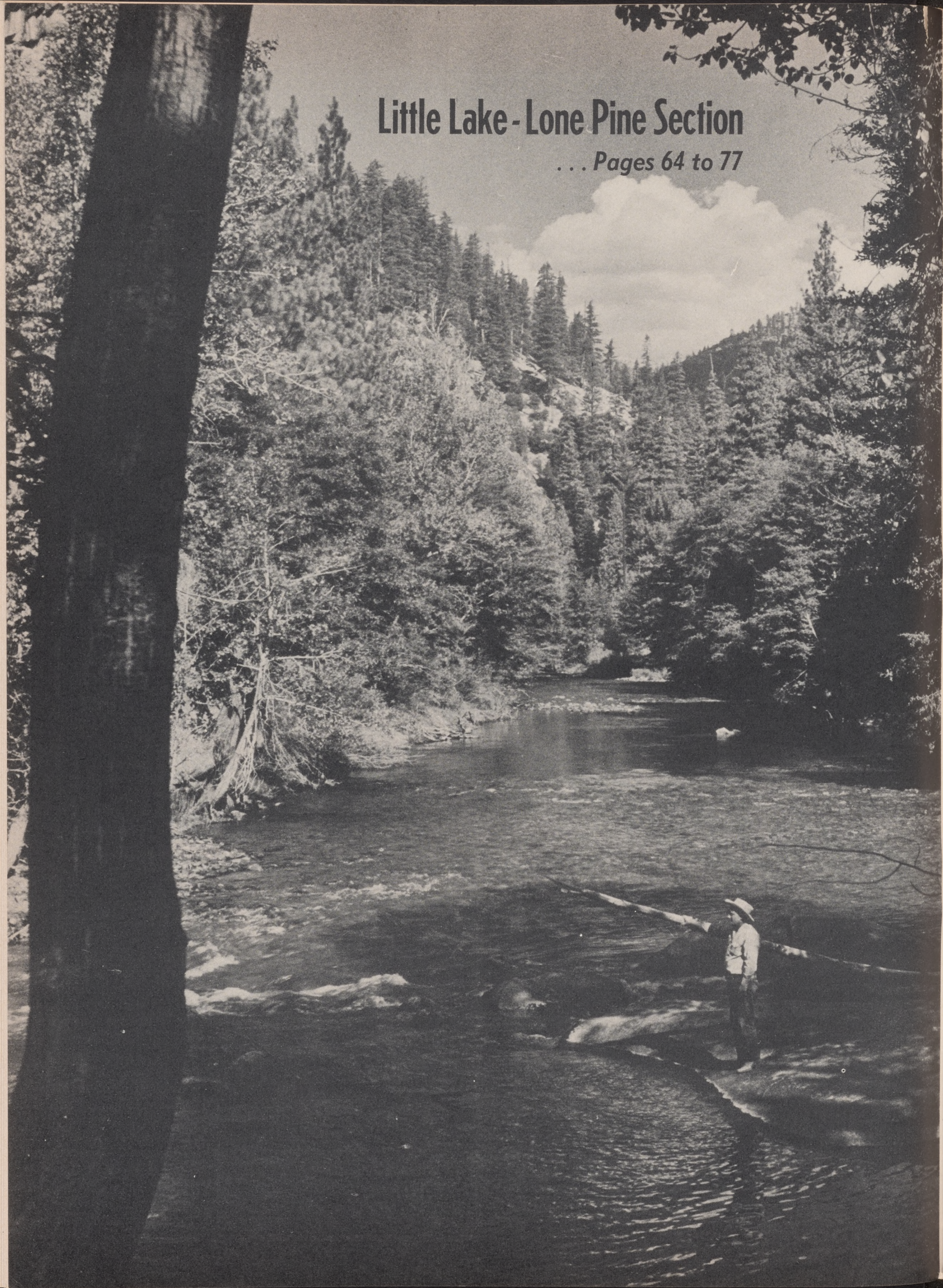
Also located in Inyo County is one of the oldest (but most modern) narrow-gauge railroads in the United States. A modern diesel locomotive now pulls the tiny cars on regular trips from Laws and Keeler to Owenyo (near Lone Pine) where the valuable ores from Inyo county mines are transferred to the waiting cars of the Southern Pacific standard-gauge. One of the historic old steam locomotives, recently taken out of service, has been placed on permanent display near the highway at Independence.

As representatives of the County of Inyo, we sincerely urge you to plan a trip for your family to this High Sierra Vacation Paradise this year.

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Little Lake - Lone Pine Section

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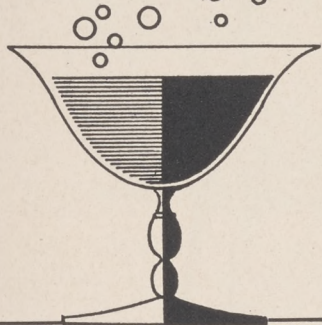


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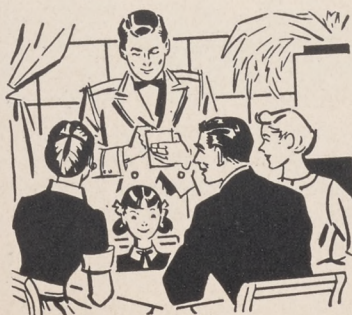
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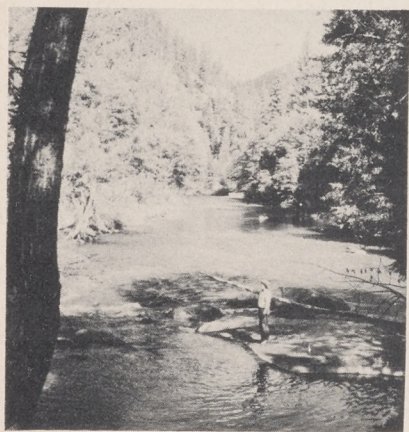
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Little Lake, Olancha, Lone Pine Section.

Southernmost of the eight sections of the Inyo-Mono "vacation land" is the area between Little Lake and Lone Pine. If you're coming up from southern California, it is the first section you'll come to. And, if you are traveling from the north, it is the last—as the southern boundary of Inyo county is the official boundary of the Inyo-Mono area.

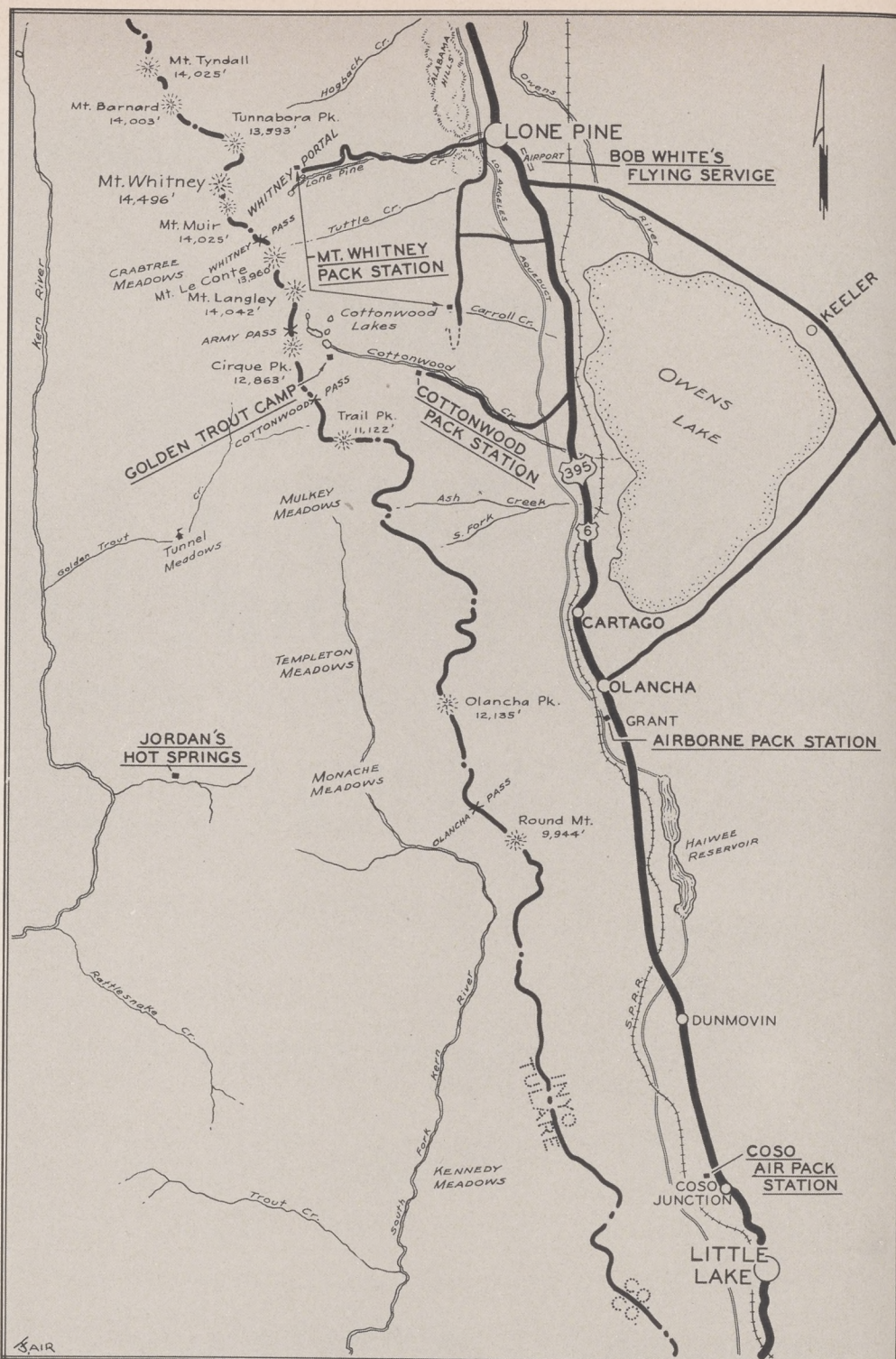
Now, assuming you are driving northward, your first stop will probably be at Little Lake. After a long and rather boring drive across the desert, it is pleasant to notice that the Sierra mountains on the left are gradually increasing in height and the entire countryside is becoming more interesting. Your drive northward continues past Coso Junction, Dunmovin, Grant, Olancha, Cartago, and on into Lone Pine.

But, of course, you may want to stop along the way. Either at Coso Junction or at Grant you can embark on a quick plane ride which will terminate at Monache Meadows, high in the Sierras. Here in this back-country paradise, you'll find excellent trout fishing, hunting in season, accommodations, and pack horses to enable you to continue your trip farther into the High Sierras if you wish. If you want to visit Jordan's Hot Springs, or other similar areas around the Kern River, you'll have to pack (or hike) from Monache. And, of course, you can reach Monache itself by pack train from Haiwee or Sage Flat. Either way you go, you'll probably find this trip very



ON THE PRECEDING
DIVISION PAGE

The picture above, representing the Little Lake-Lone Pine Area, was taken on the Kern River below Jordan's Hot Springs. Elmo Purnell is in the foreground. There is a world of wonderful back-country around Monache, Tunnel, and Templeton Meadows, as well as in the Cottonwood Lakes Area to the north. Those who fly or pack in are assured of excellent fishing and hunting in season. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



rewarding—in scenery, fishing, and relaxation.

There is other excellent back-country farther north, too—for instance, the area around Templeton and Tunnel Meadows, which can be reached by plane from Lone Pine or by pack train. Then there is the incomparable country around Cottonwood Lakes and Golden Trout Creek which can be reached by pack outfit from Cartago or Carroll Creek.

Outside of this Sierra back-country we have mentioned, principal fishing activity comes along Lone Pine Creek to the west of the Town of Lone Pine and on up the beautiful Mt. Whitney Trail. Lone Pine Creek is readily fished from the town westward to Whitney Portal, an ideal camping and picnicking spot. From there you can walk to a large number of good fishing lakes, such as Lone Pine Lake, Mirror

Lake, etc. And, if you are real ambitious, you can hike or ride to the top of Mt. Whitney, highest peak in the United States.

There is also a lot of interesting back-country that can be reached from the pack station at Whitney Portal, or along the John Muir Trail, or across Shephard Pass.

Lone Pine itself is a friendly town, adequately supplied with a variety of stores, motels, hotels, service stations, and other businesses. It boasts a shady roadside park and a municipally owned swimming pool that appeals to many tourists. Lots of fishermen and tourists find Lone Pine a good place for a stopover.

If you return to U. S. Highway 395 and 6, and continue northward, you cross several small fishing streams before you reach Independence (which is included in the next pictorial section of this book).



• Fishing is where you find it. And here's Ann Hawkins with her two sons, Larry 14, and Mike 9, doing a bit of angling on a small stream at Casa Vieja Meadow. Mrs. Hawkins is the wife of a forest ranger stationed there during the summer. Casa Vieja is in the Sierra back-country, not far from Monache Meadow. Believe it or not, fishing is good on this creek—and nearly all the other streams and lakes in the back-country. (Tom Henderson Photo).



• This pack horse appears plenty smart. Looks as though he's trying to read the signs, trying to make up his mind which way to go . . . in the back-country south and west of Lone Pine. Signposts like this, put up and maintained by the Inyo National Forest, make hiking and packing easier. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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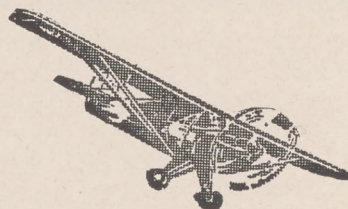
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• ABOVE LEFT—This fantastic waterfall, on the Kern River south of Jordan's Hot Springs, is a beautiful sight. And, the rugged terrain creates any number of other interesting bits of scenery on the Kern and other nearby streams. Fishing is excellent, too. The Rainbows are nice size and easy to catch. And, there are Brookies and Goldens, too. This area around Jordan's Camp is reached by packing in from the eastern slope or by plane—from Coso Junction, Grant, or Lone Pine—to Monache and then a pack or a hike on to the beautiful Kern River country. (Tom Henderson Photo).

• ABOVE RIGHT—Ben Cox of Palm Springs is getting a drink of water at Jordan's Camp after a day of fishing. Cox is a good angler and has a full creek of nice Rainbows which he has taken from the Kern River. If you don't believe it, just turn to page 70 and find the picture of them. (Tom Henderson Photo).



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• Here's a view of some of the cabins at Jordan's Hot Springs Dude Ranch in the Kern River country south and west of Lone Pine. This camp has excellent back-country facilities, including lodge, campgrounds,

furnished cabins, mineral baths, etc. Fishing is excellent on the creek nearby and the Kern River not far distant. Deer and bear hunting are good in season, also. Jordan's, and the nearby area, can be reached

by pack train or by flying into Monache (*where there is a pack station*) and packing farther into the back-country. You'll think the trip is well worth the effort. Fishing is excellent. (*Tom Henderson Photo*).



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• True to our promise on page 68, we're printing a photo of the Rainbow limit taken from the Kern River by Ben Cox of Palm Springs. Catching trout is a compara-

tively simple matter back here because the streams and lakes have hardly been touched. Naturally, the fish are excellent eating. Here, have some! (Tom Henderson Photo).



• A small group is shown here on their pack horses, part way up the Mt. Whitney Trail at the early part of the 1955 season. The trip up America's highest peak is beautiful and quite interesting. You'll find

good fishing lakes along the way and plenty of breath-taking scenery. More than 2,000 people either hiked or rode to the top of Mt. Whitney during the summer of 1955. (Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt).

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• The Cottonwood Lakes are more than 10,000 feet in elevation and in rugged terrain as the above picture clearly indicates. But the Golden Trout fishing is definitely "out of this world." This group of lakes, located south and west of Lone Pine, can be reached only by pack train. Golden Trout Camp is in the vicinity. Army Pass looms in the background. (*Fraser's Foto, Pomona*).



• These men are getting ready for a fast trip to the Monache back-country where they'll find good fishing (*and deer hunting in season*). From left to right, they are: Ed Roman, pilot, Ace Mortimer, Walter Grace, and Jimmy Wilcox. Roman is from Grant; others from the Southland. (*Photo by Tom Henderson*).

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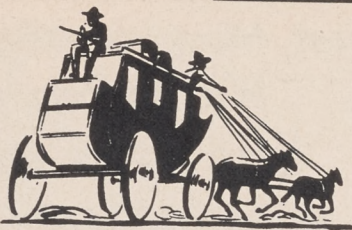
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• One of the big events of the year in Lone Pine is the annual "Stampede." Ranked as one of the best RCA-approved rodeos of the West, it is annually held early in May. Four candidates for queen of the 1955 Lone Pine Stampede are pictured above. They are: Marguerite Miller, Frances Checo, Ernestine Hutter, and Florence Lockridge.



• If you're looking for a cool place to swim, after a hard day's drive, you'll find it at the Lone Pine municipal plunge. It's open every day except Monday during the summer months. Why not stop, cool off?

• This historical monument, erected at the north edge of Lone Pine by the Eastern California Museum Society, honors the 30 victims of the disastrous earthquake which shocked Owens Valley in the year of 1872.



• Lone Pine boasts a fine Roadside Park with tables, benches, water, stove pits, etc. where tourists may enjoy an outdoor meal under fine shade trees. Located in town, but on U. S. Highways 6 and 395, the park is maintained by the Lone Pine Lions Club. Stop next time you're in town. (All photos on this page by Hal Kleinschmidt).



• Here's an interesting aerial view which takes in a lot of territory. At the bottom part of the picture is the Town of Lone Pine. In the center are the famous Ala-

bama Hills. And, at the top, are the snow-capped Sierras. If you look closely you can spot Mt. Whitney, tallest of them all. This photo was taken by Hal Kleinschmidt.



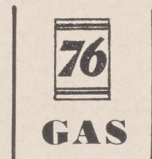
• Lone Pine Lake is located but a short walk from the end of the road at Whitney Portal. It's plenty photogenic, as the picture above indicates. It's also good trout

fishing. Lone Pine Lake is one of several scenic lakes on the trail from Whitney Portal to the top of Mt. Whitney. Good camps, too. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



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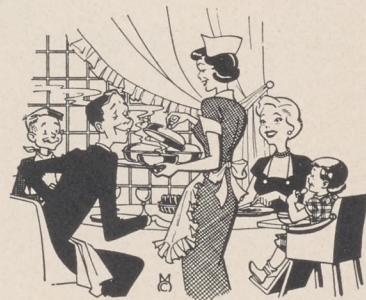
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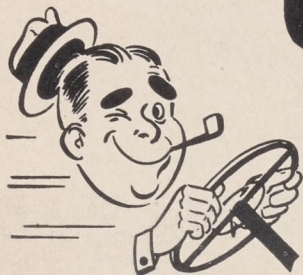
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• One of the most interesting movies of the year, "I Died a Thousand Times," was filmed almost entirely in the Lone Pine area. The two stars, Jack Palance and Shelley Winters, are pictured here with a High Sierra background. The picture, made by Warner Bros., carried many interesting scenes in the Town of Lone Pine and beautiful Sierra views on the Mt. Whitney Road.



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• Another big annual event in Inyo County is the Death Valley '49ers Encampment. Thousands of folks from all parts of the state come to the Valley each Fall to relive the "good old pioneer days." There are many events on the program, all interesting. As an added feature many Western artists show their works. In the photo above, Axel Linus of Palm Springs is shown doing a portrait of Senator Charles Brown. (Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt).



• ABOVE—A view of the Tunnel Ranger Station of the Inyo National Forest. Work of the rangers in this important back-country area is especially valuable during the summer when fire is a hazard. There's an air strip nearby and Leppy Diaz operates a camp not far away for those who have flown or packed in. There's good fishing and hunting in the Tunnel back-country region.

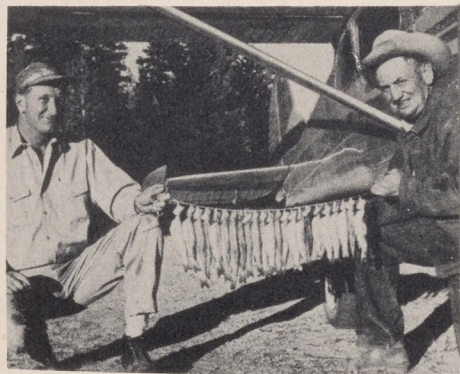
• RIGHT—Hitchcock Lakes are located in the rugged country on the trail to the top of Mt. Whitney. When this photo was taken, early in the 1955 season, these high lakes were barely open. (Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt).



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• Mirror Lake is one of the many beautiful lakes on the trail from Whitney Portal to the top of Mt. Whitney. The rugged landscape is extremely beautiful as is plainly evidenced by the picture above. Excellent fishing prevails, too. Why not plan to make the Mt. Whitney trip this year? (Tom Henderson Photo).

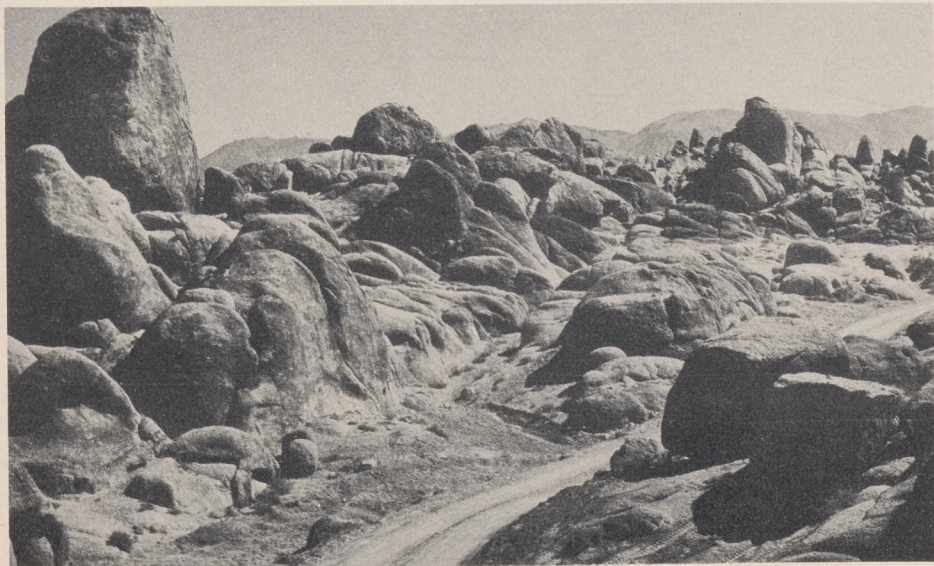


• Margaret Bernard of Bishop has a happy smile on her face. She's just caught this trout on Lone Pine Creek, one of the better trout streams of Southern Inyo County. Lone Pine Creek can be fished successfully from the Town of Lone Pine to Whitney Portal and can be reached many places from the road. It is planted with catchable-size Rainbows. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Here's this pretty trio again. And, they add a lot to the picture of towering Mt. Whitney in the background. Margaret Bernard, Yvonne Horne, and Lucy Little

walk hand-in-hand down the road to Whitney Portal, enjoying the scenery and the cool, clean air. The photographer enjoyed it a lot, too. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Fantastic and weird shapes of the Alabama Hills, west of Lone Pine, are the site of many motion pictures. Scientists say the Hills are 20 million years old . . . and who

are we to dispute them. Good dirt roads wind through the Alabama Hills and visitors may see these interesting formations at first hand. (Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt).

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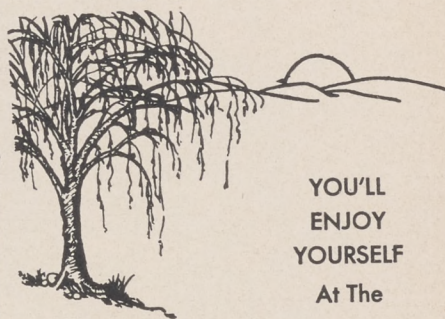
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There are, however, some comparatively small streams, flowing eastward toward the Owens River, that provide some good fishing, especially early in the season. Most of them cross U. S. 395 and can be fished satisfactorily in either direction.

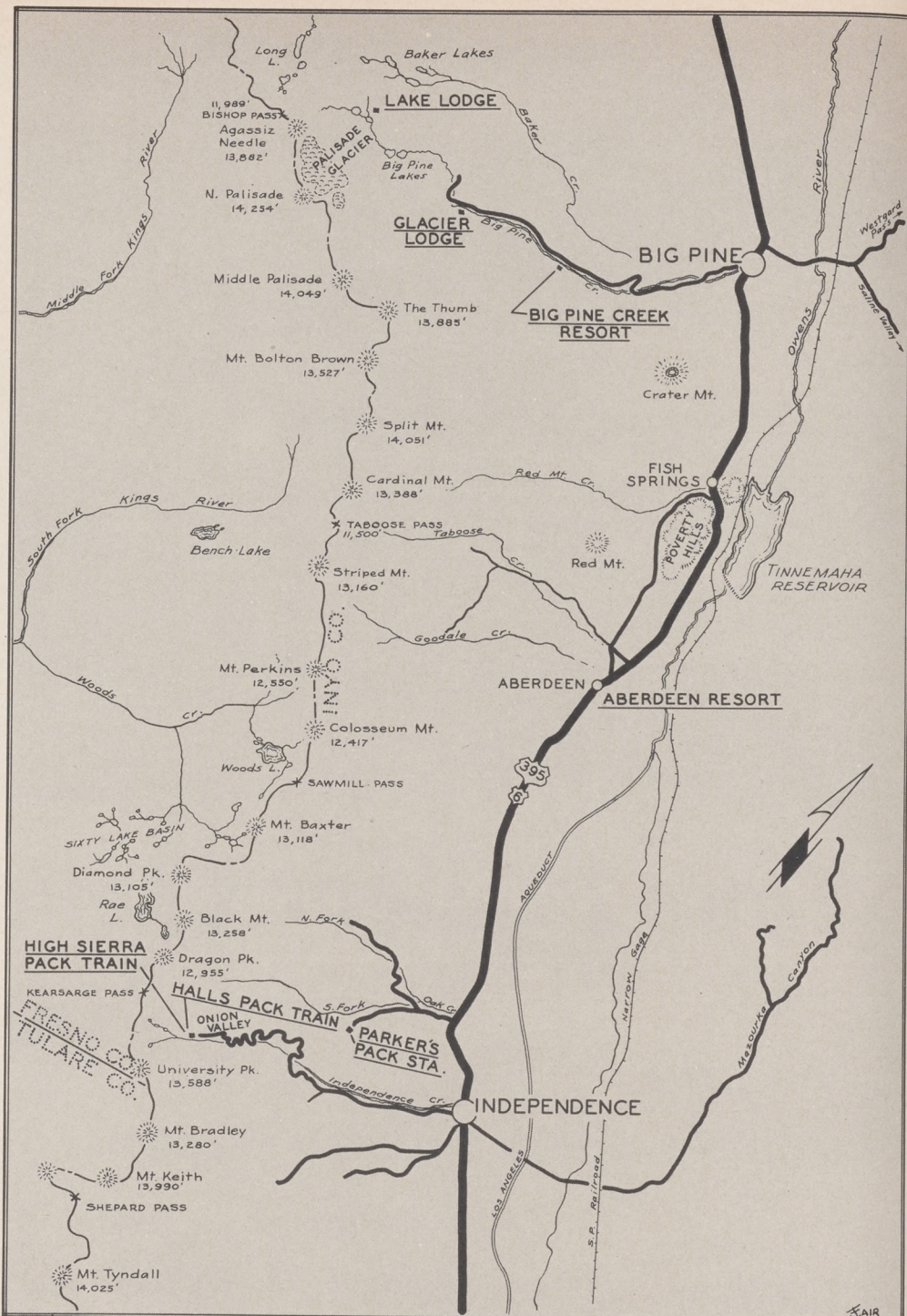
One of the principal streams in the most southern part of this section is Independence Creek which can readily be fished from the Town of Independence westward (and upward) to Gray's Meadow and Onion Valley. A well graded road extends as far as the latter, a good "jumping off" spot to a variety of back-country hardly equalled elsewhere in the High Sierras. Two pack stations are located at Onion Valley, ready to take parties across Kearsarge, Shephard, Sawmill, or Taboose passes. Another pack station is located on Oak Creek, just a few miles north and west of Independence, not far from U. S. 395.

It would be impossible to list these back-country lakes because there are so many. But, if you are interested, you can find as many as you like on detailed maps of the area. And, you'll find excellent fishing in practically all of them and such unusual mountain scenery that the U. S. government has set much of it aside as the King's Canyon National Park. The north-south John Muir Trail connects the trans-Sierra



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It's no trick at all to find a good spot for a photo in the Big Pine Lakes Area, in the back country above the Town of Big Pine. With a large number of glacier-fed lakes, towering peaks, and tall pine trees to choose from, just add an attractive girl and snap the shutter. This is Fourth Lake. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



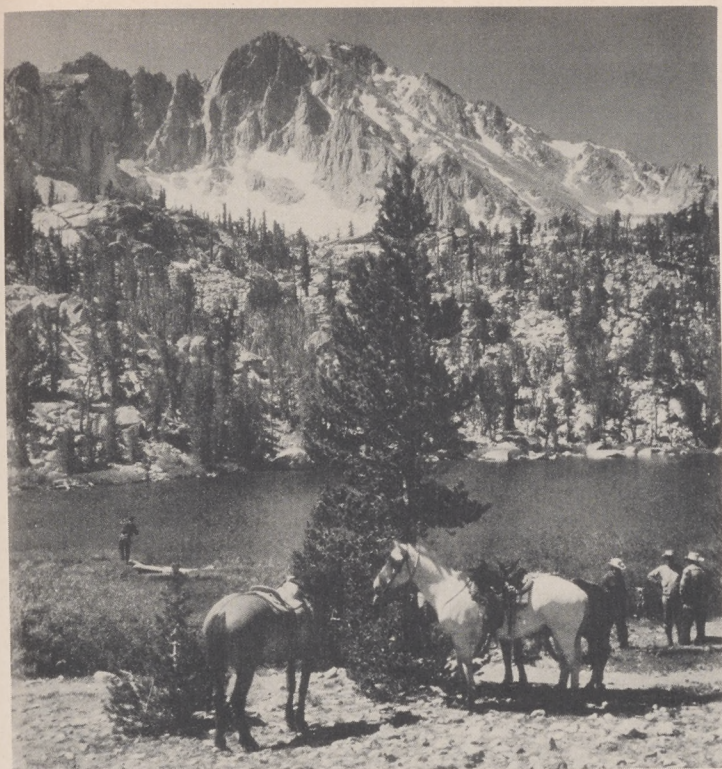
trails, making it comparatively simple to reach any of these important lakes and streams.

Back down on U. S. 395, and driving northward, we pass Aberdeen Resort, Fish Springs, several small fishing streams, and enter Big Pine, another important Inyo county community. Turning westward at the center of town, we can drive up Big Pine Creek Canyon to an elevation of 7,850 feet on a good surfaced road. Big Pine Creek itself is a good fishing stream and can be worked most of the way. On the road up, you pass the Big Pine Creek Resort (on the left) where there are good accommodations and a privately-stocked stretch of the stream. A little farther up you pass the pack station (on the right) where you can embark to some excellent back-country lakes and streams—and even the famed Palisade Glacier if you wish. At the end of the road you'll find Glacier

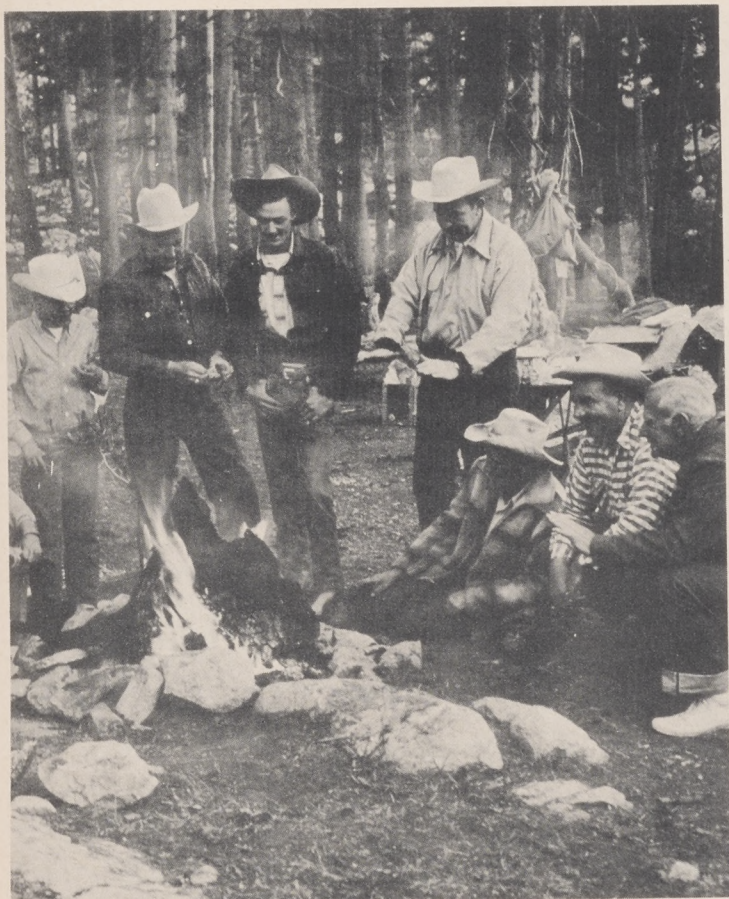
Lodge, which has a store, accommodations, restaurant, etc. Also, affiliated with Glacier Lodge, is the Upper Lake Lodge which is located in the Wilderness Area of Inyo National Forest on the Fourth of the back-country Big Pine lakes. Lake Lodge is reached only by trail—a 2½ hour trip on a pack animal or a strenuous hike.

The area around the Lake Lodge is fantastically beautiful. There are seven Big Pine Lakes, all excellent fishing and quite scenic. And, there are others close by. Anglers regularly catch Rainbow and Brook Trout and occasionally they hook on to Browns and, in some of the real high lakes, the native Goldens.

Palisade Glacier, southernmost active glacier in the United States, can be seen at a distance anywhere in this area. And those who wish to examine it more carefully may hike or pack into it. It's an unusual sight.



• Gilbert Lake is an excellent Golden Trout haven high in the back-country west of Independence. Reached by trail across lofty Kearsarge Pass, this lake not only provides top fishing, but also almost unbelievable scenic grandeur. In the photo above, the pack-party stops for a brief rest as one of the members tries his luck for the elusive Golden Trout. (Photo by Slim Barnard).



• There's nothing like a good campfire to keep you warm at night—even during the summer months—when you are on a trip to the high elevations of the Sierras. And, there's no better place to enjoy yourself, too, than listening to "tall tales" that one of the party always seems to have plenty of. Packers and patrons alike always seem to enjoy the time spent around the campfires, before they "hit the sack," after a tough day. (Photo by Slim Barnard).

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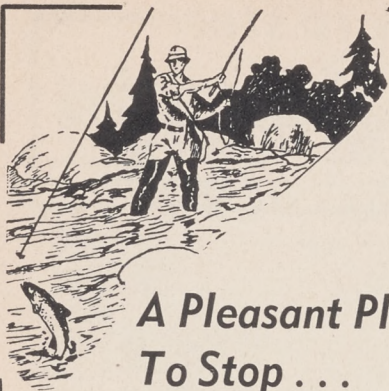
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• Independence Creek, extending westward into the Sierras from the Town of Independence (*County seat of Inyo County*), provides good stream fishing most of its length—especially during the early part of the season. It's easy to reach and it's stock-

ed with catchable-size Rainbow Trout regularly during the season. In the photo above, the cameraman caught Lucy Little and Yvonne Horne as they hooked a nice trout on Independence Creek, not far from the town. (*Photo by Tom Henderson*).



• Bench Lake is considered one of the best fishing lakes in the back-country west of Independence. It is reached via Taboose Pass, which has recently been re-construct-

ed by the U. S. Forest Service. Arrow Peak is in the background. Bench Lake is located not far from the South Fork of the Kings River. (*Photo by Tom Henderson*).

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agree: if you want really top stream fishing, take a pack trip somewhere into the Sierra back-country. You'll love every minute of the trip and you'll never forget the fine angling. (Photo by Slim Barnard).



• Here are the gals again . . . in front of the famous Mt. Whitney Fish State Hatchery, north and east of Independence. This hatchery handles the production of all the Golden, Brown, and Spring Rainbow fingerlings which are planted in Inyo-Mono's

back-country streams and lakes, mostly by plane. Catchable-size Rainbows are raised at the Black Rock Rearing Ponds nearby. The raising and planting of trout in Inyo-Mono is especially important because of heavy fishing. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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• Woods Lake is another excellent back-country water reached by pack train west of Independence, across Sawmill Pass. Elevation is 10,669. Woods Lake drains into Woods Creek, a good fishing stream, flowing westward. (Photo by Don Cornelson).



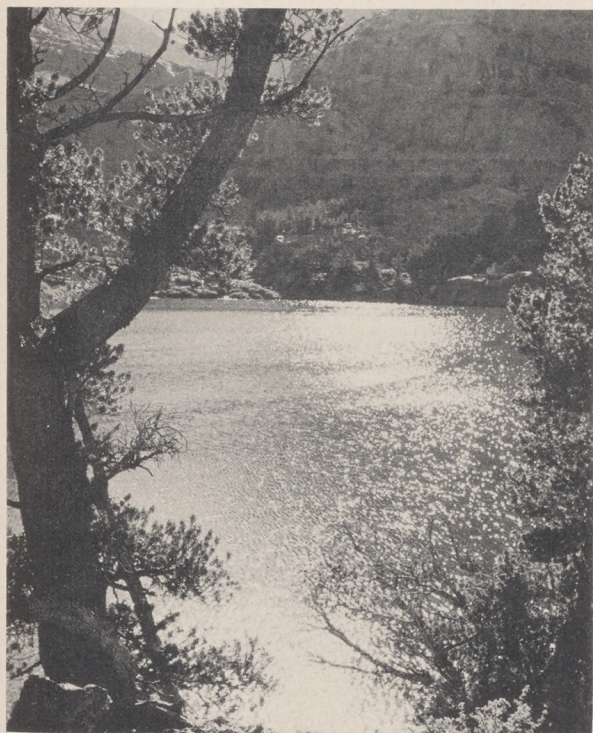
• Mrs. John B. Veder of Martinez, Calif., demonstrates how to cook those trout at her camping spot on upper Big Pine Creek. Lots of people return to these camps year after year. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• James Bolin (right) of Oakland weighs his 339 lb. Tule Elk bull which he shot near Aberdeen in the special Owens Valley hunt Dec. 3. Jack Lucik of Emeryville looks on. (Photo by Hal Kleinschmidt).



• There are good camping and picnicking spots along Big Pine Creek. These places are easy to reach by good surfaced road extending westward from the center of the Town of Big Pine. In the photo above, Don and Evelyn Sullivan of Long Beach, along with their three children: Tommy, 12, Susan and Sandra, 8-year-old twins, stop to enjoy the scenic canyon view on their first trip. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• ABOVE—Palisade Glacier is one of the big tourist attractions of the area. This huge body of ice and snow, southernmost glacier in the United States, is the largest in the Eastern High Sierra, and can be reached by strenuous hike or pack train. In the picture above, Thomas D. Ross of Los Angeles is exploring it. (Photo by Clark Smith).

• LEFT—It's easy to get a good photo of any of the Big Pine Lakes, because they are so photogenic. Here is Lake No. 5 in the back-country above Big Pine. The scenery around this lake is so beautiful and diversified, that Bob Clunie, famous Sierra painter, makes his headquarters here during the summer. (Tom Henderson Photo).



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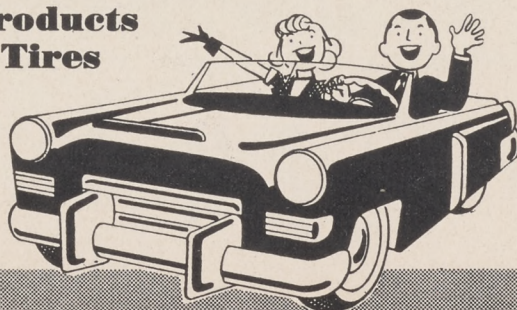
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• ABOVE—You'll get stream fishing at its best on Big Pine Creek. This glacier-fed stream is planted regularly with catchable-size Rainbows and there are native Browns in it, too. Here Larry McPhail of the Big Pine Creek Resort is doing the fishing as his pet Samoyedes, Kiska, watches. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

• LEFT—Tommy Sullivan of Long Beach holds up the first trout he ever caught. This young Izaak Walton hooked this Brownie while fishing on Big Pine Creek (Photo by Tom Henderson).



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• Big Pine Lakes 1, 2, and 3 are clearly visible in the photo above. These back-country lakes are accessible by trail from Glacier Lodge and the fishing is considered good, even though they appear "milky" because they are fed directly from the Pali-

sade Glacier. On up the trail farther (*and out of range of the camera*) are Big Pine Lakes 4, 5, and others. They can all be reached by pack train or by a strenuous hike. But the scenery and fishing is well worth the effort. (*Tom Henderson Photo*).



• Say, this is the easy way to fish. Just pull up a chair and toss the line in the water. Chances are some lazy fish will come along and get himself caught. In the photo above,

D. E. Davis of San Gabriel is doing the angling on Big Pine Creek as his wife and daughter Cynthia, 6, look on. No Report on the results yet. (*Tom Henderson Photo*).

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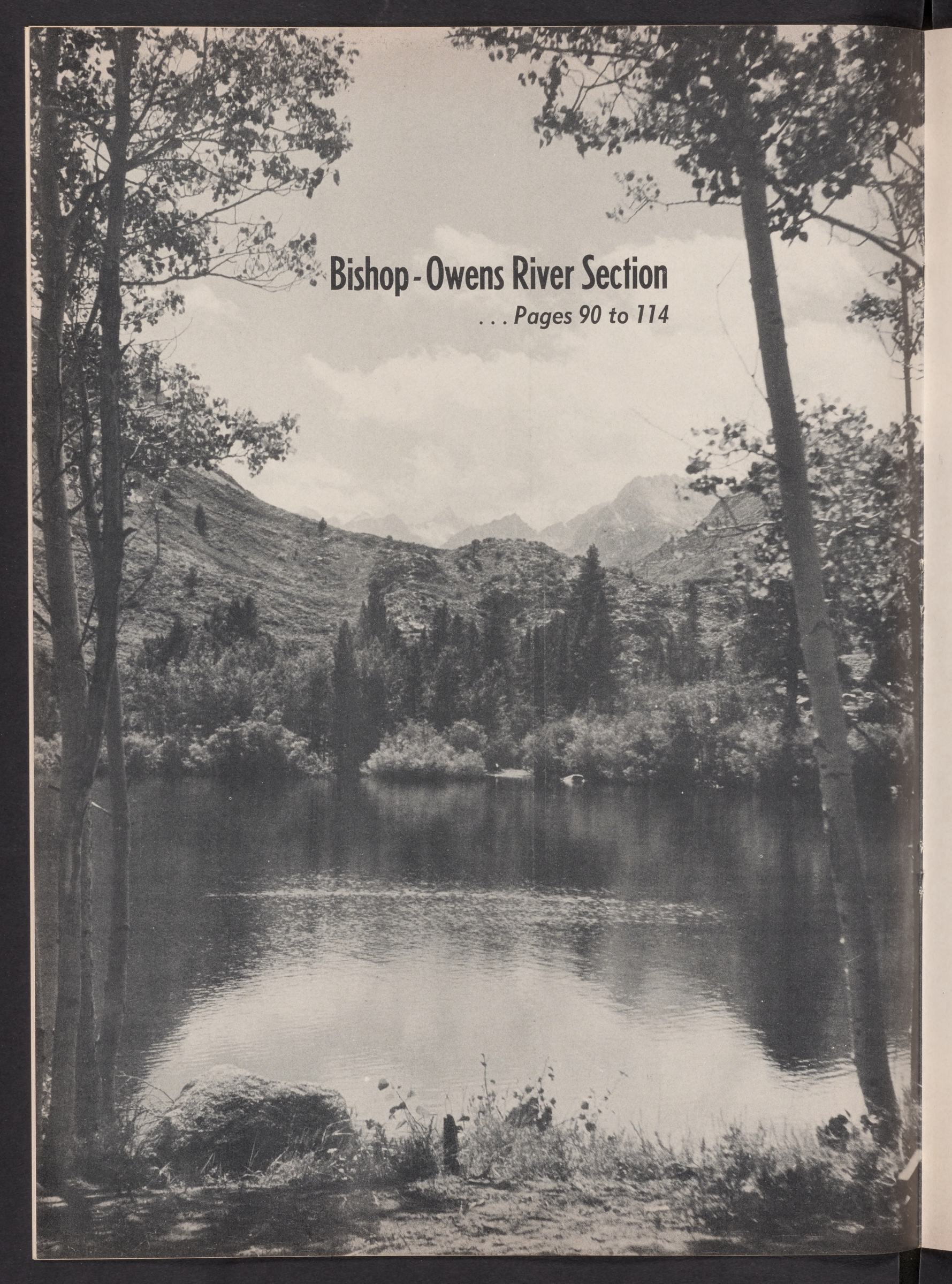
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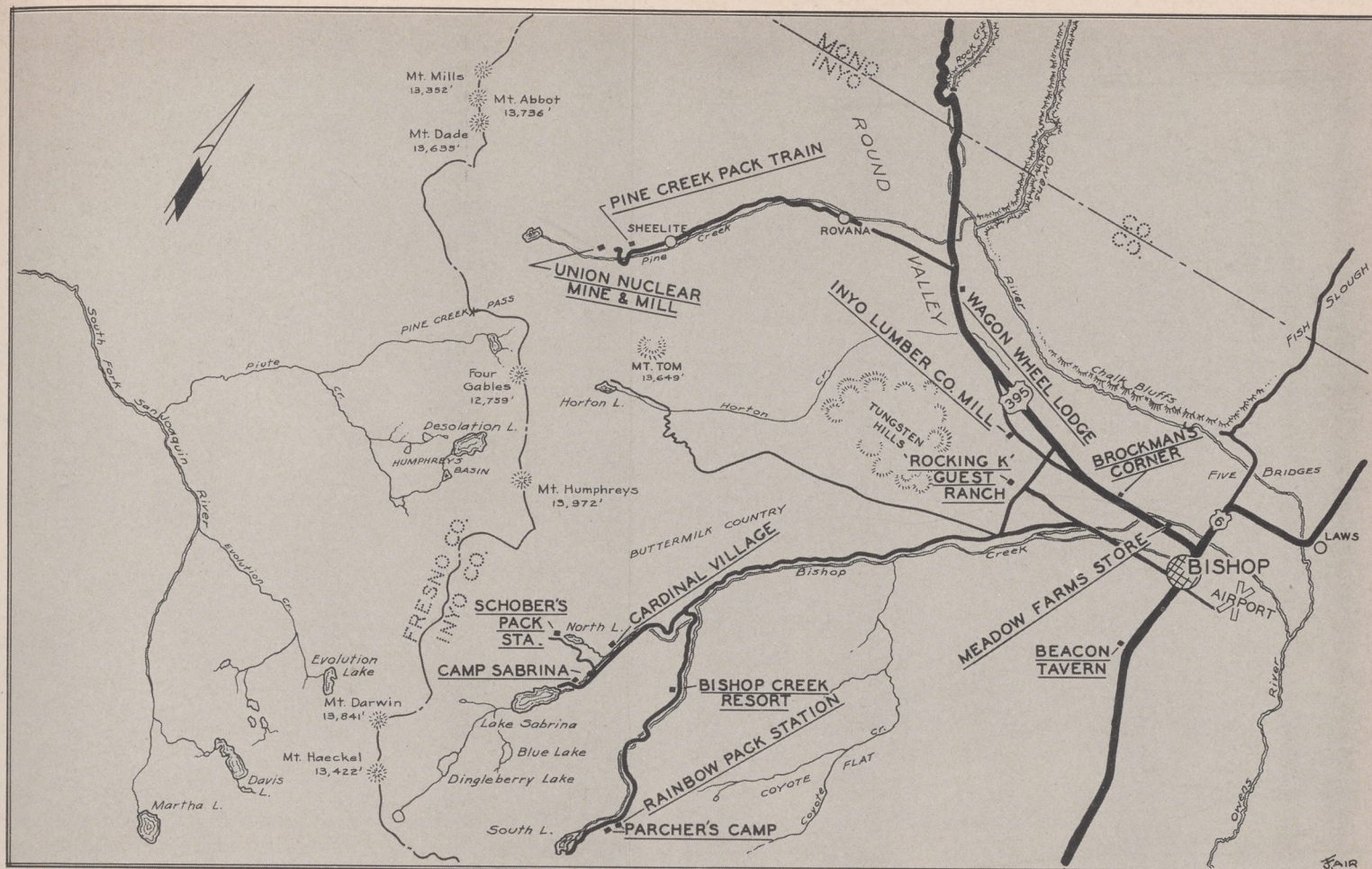


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Bishop, Lake Sabrina, Owens River Section

While the Bishop-Owens River Section of Inyo-Mono is one of the smallest, it is also one of the most diversified. In it you'll find one of the best "low-level" fishing streams in the West (*Owens River*) as well as excellent stream fishing on three forks of Bishop Creek from the City of Bishop upwards to approximately 10,000 feet elevation. Then, too, there are three outstanding lakes which can be easily reached by auto (*South Lake*, *North Lake*, and *Lake Sabrina*) as well as an almost untold number of excellent back-country lakes and streams to be reached by hiking or packing.

Yes, many sportsmen come to this area every year because of the good fishing, the excellent camping spots, and the proximity to Bishop . . . where there is a variety of stores, several good restaurants, motels, hotels, service stations, garages, and other businesses.

Now, let's first consider the Owens River. This large stream is annually stocked with catchable-size Rainbow Trout by the Dept. of Fish and Game. But there are thousands and thousands of good-size native Brown Trout in there . . . to be caught by anglers who know how to do it.

Best Owens River fishing in the past couple of years has been near Birchim Canyon.

Now, let's make the trip "up the hill" on the surfaced State Highway 76, which

terminates at Lake Sabrina (18 miles away). Most of the drive up, you'll be going parallel and close to Bishop Creek and there are many spots along this stream that are good fishing because it is heavily and regularly planted with catchable-size Rainbows.

Principal lakes in this area are Lake Sabrina, North Lake, and South Lake. Sabrina is the largest (200 acres) and is plant-

ed with 30,000 "catchables" every season. There is a resort (*Camp Sabrina*) close by and boats are also available. There are good camp grounds in the vicinity. North Lake is only a few miles distant and also readily reached by car. It is small (15 acres) but the fishing is good and it is planted with 6,000 catchable-size Rainbows annually. There is a resort (*Cardinal Village*) on Bishop Creek near by and there is also a pack station (*Schober's*) where animals are available to take you to some of the fabulous back-country across Piute Pass, etc.

South Lake is an excellent fishing lake on the South Fork of Bishop Creek (25 miles from Bishop). This popular lake boasts approximately 100 acres and is planted with 20,000 "catchables" each season. A resort (*Parcher's Camp*) serves this immediate area and there is also a pack station (*Rainbow*) ready to arrange a trip for you across Bishop Pass, etc. Angling is good all along the South Fork of Bishop Creek and there is another good resort (*Bishop Creek Lodge*) to serve this area.

Included also in this Bishop-Owens River section is the Pine Creek area to the north of Bishop. Pine Creek is fishable for almost its entire length and is annually planted with 10,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout up as far as its junction with Morgan Creek. Here you will also find a pack station (*Pine Creek*), ready to take you to the fabulous French Canyon area (and other good back-country spots) where you can catch Golden Trout.



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Our photographer found a perfect time and place for this photo of Intake Two on Bishop Creek, west of the Town of Bishop on the Lake Sabrina Road. Notice the reflection of the sun, the ripples in the water, and the cloud formations in the background. Anglers find good fishing here, too. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• South Lake is one of the most popular lakes in the Eastern High Sierra region. Located 25 miles west of Bishop on a good road, it embraces approximately 100

acres and is regularly stocked with catchable-size Rainbow Trout. There is a resort and pack station in the immediate vicinity and there are good camp grounds

along the South Fork of Bishop Creek nearby. The water level is expected to be high enough for good angling this year on South Lake. (*Fraser's Foto, Pomona*).



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• North Lake looks like a popular spot (*in the photo above*) and it really is. Although it is small (*15 acres*) it usually is good fishing and the scenery is excellent. There's a resort, camp grounds, and a pack station in the vicinity. (*Photo by Tom Henderson*).



• The Owens River may not be photogenic, but it certainly is an excellent fishing stream. Lots of big ones in there, especially around Birchim Canyon. And, under the new regulations, it will be open for all-year fishing. In the photo above A. H. "Tex" Trail of Bishop, an ardent angler, tries his luck as his wife, Blanche, also an excellent fisherman, watches. (*Photo by Tom Henderson*).



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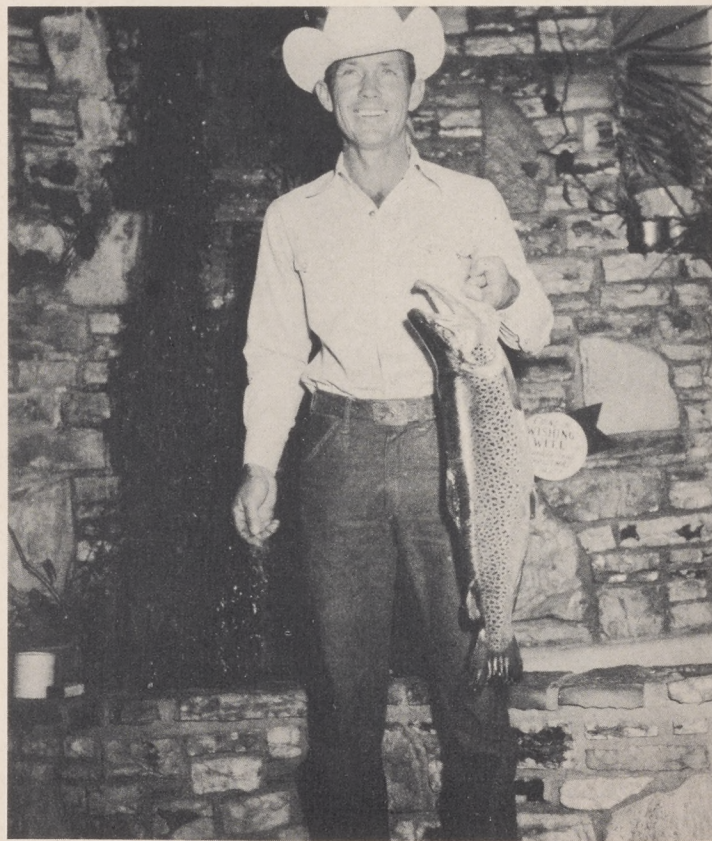
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• Piute Lake, on the trail to Desolation country, is one of many good fishing lakes in the back-country across Piute Pass. This lake is well over 10,000 feet in elevation and you'll usually find a little snow nearby, even in July and August. In the photo above, Fred Strauss of Sacramento is trying to catch one of those elusive Goldeneyes. There are lots of them there. (Tom Henderson Photo)



• Lloyd Phillips of Bishop is a good fisherman and he's holding a dandy here. It's a 9 lb. male Brown Trout which he caught on the Owens River below Birchim. (Photo by Jackie Cheeseman).



• RIGHT—Herb and Dee Schaulis of Baldwin Park have found a good fishing spot on Bishop Creek and they're hoping for some good results. This stream, which can be fished all the way up to Lake Sabrina, is stocked heavily with catchable-size Rainbow Trout and is easy to reach, almost anywhere, by car. In addition to the Rainbows, there are quite a number of native Browns in Bishop Creek and some of them get pretty large. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



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• ABOVE—This cartoon was drawn by Karl Hubenthal of Los Angeles Examiner and appeared in that paper on the opening day of fishing in 1955. The Inyo-Mono Fishing Guide wishes to thank Karl Hubenthal and his paper for permission to reprint it in this book.

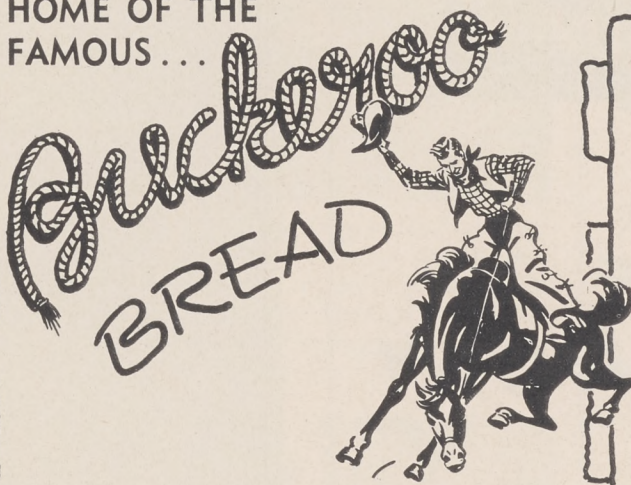
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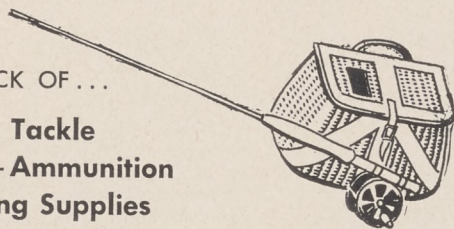
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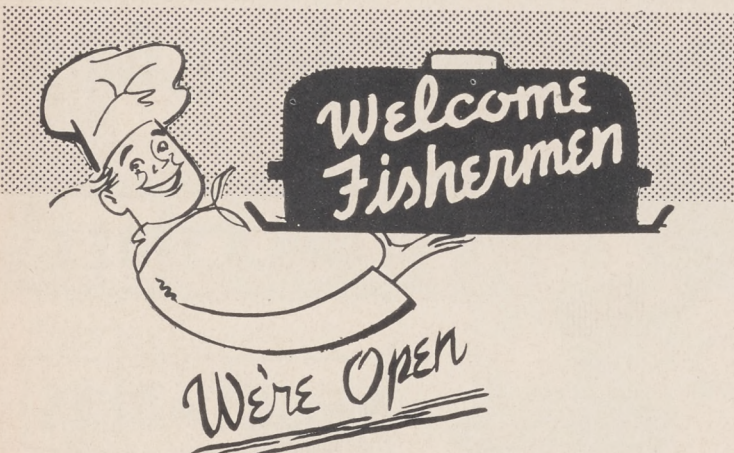
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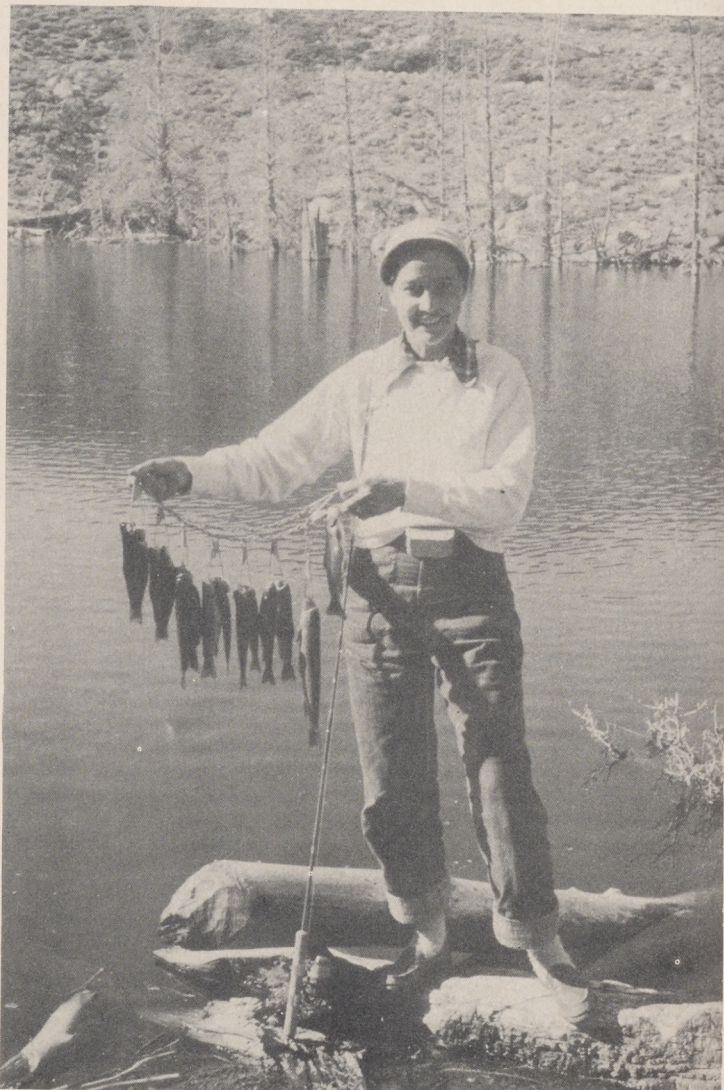
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Bishop and Owens River Area . . .



• Owens River is an excellent fishing stream for most of its length. Hottest spot, during the past two years, has been near Birchim Canyon, north and west of Bishop, where some big Brown Trout have been caught. A section of this fine fishing stream is shown in the picture above. (*Fraser's Foto, Pomona*).



• Lots of sportsmen have found good fishing in Beaver Dam Pond in the Coyote Country south and west of Bishop. Mrs. Marian Bente of Bishop is pictured here with a limit of Brook Trout taken there. You can easily reach it by Jeep or by hiking.



• Most photos of Lake Sabrina are taken from the lower end. However, this interesting picture was taken from the upper end, showing Owens Valley and the White Mountains in the distance. Lake Sabrina is one of the most popular lakes in the Bish-

op area and is the largest, embracing a total of 200 acres. Situated at an elevation of 9,170 feet, it is annually planted with 30,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout. You can drive to Lake Sabrina on a good surfaced road. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



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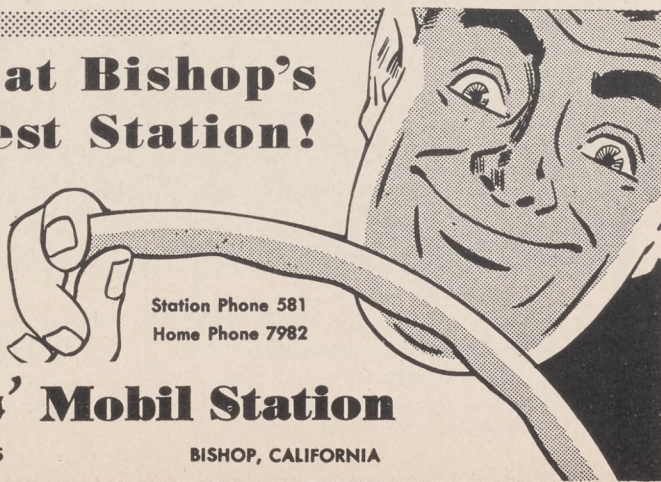
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• The Middle Fork of Bishop Creek is quite popular with sportsmen during the summer. Not only is the fishing good, but there are plenty of public camp sites along

its shores, where you can set up your tent or park your trailer. This picture was taken at the upper end, near the outlet of Lake Sabrina. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Say, here are a couple of back-packers that look like they need a rest. Fred Patterson (left) and Dick Jackson (right), Bishop school teachers, are "taking a breather" at their camp in the Desolation

country across Piute Pass. These men enjoyed a fine trip last summer . . . saw some wonderful scenery, caught some nice fish. They recommend this trip to any who like to hike or ride. (Tom Henderson Photo).

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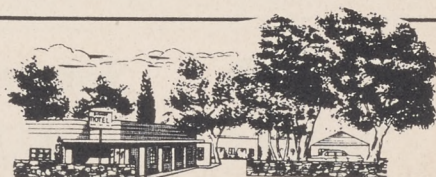
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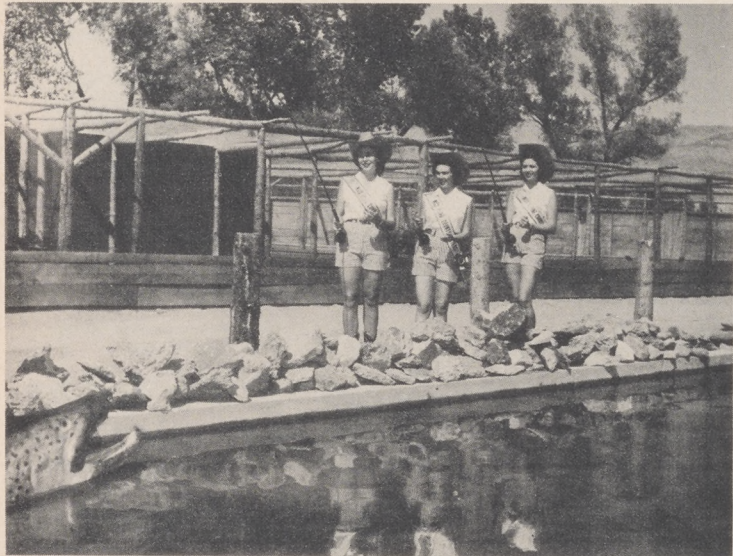
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The rodeo was first staged 24 years ago and has grown in size and popularity until now it is considered one of the top 10 in the State of California . . . in the amount of purses offered. In



• The fly-casting and plug-casting contests, held nightly at the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair in Bishop, are extremely popular. There are valuable prizes for winners and it costs nothing to enter. Here are the three 1955 hostesses: Winona Christensen (*Inyo County*), Judy Goolsby (*Mono County*) and Kim Miller (*Alpine County*). They're posing in front of the permanent casting pool at the sportsman's area. (Photo by Steve Lukacik)

attendance it probably ranks even higher, since between 3,000 and 5,000 people are on hand to watch each of the three days' performances.

Four years ago the 18th District Agricultural Association was re-activated after lapse of many years. With funds provided by the state (*a percentage of pari-mutual racing money*), the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair was inaugurated . . . and combined with the Labor Day rodeo which has, for nearly a quarter of a century, been annually staged by the Bishop Homecoming and Labor Day Association.

The result was a popular four-day show which provides the visitors not only with usual carnival, exhibits, etc., but also an outstanding rodeo which always attracts some of the top cowboys of the West.

Both organizations are already working on plans for their 1956 show which is scheduled for August 31, September 1, 2, and 3. The fair opens Friday, August 31. Principal first-day event will be the horseshow in the new rodeo arena. The amateur rodeo, for cowboys of Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties only, will be staged on Saturday, September 1, and the RCA-approved professional rodeo will be featured Sunday and Monday (*Labor Day*), September 2 and 3. There will be something going on all the time—judging of exhibits, special stage shows, fly-casting championships, horseshoe pitching tournament, carnival, parade, dances, and picnics. If you like a good, Western celebration, you won't want to miss this 1956 Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair and Rodeo in Bishop.

Fishing is especially good in Inyo-Mono, about that time of year, so perhaps you can "kill two birds with one stone." But, if you are planning a trip to Bishop or Inyo-Mono along about Labor Day, take our advice and get your reservations at your favorite resort or motel *very early*. They're usually always sold out weeks ahead of time.



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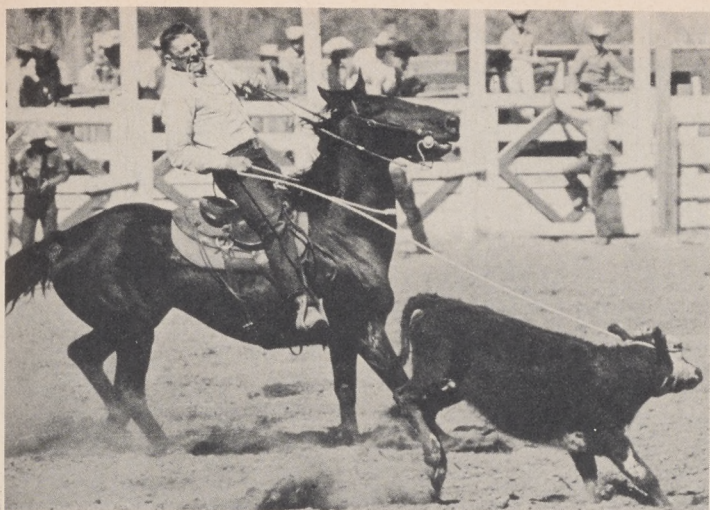
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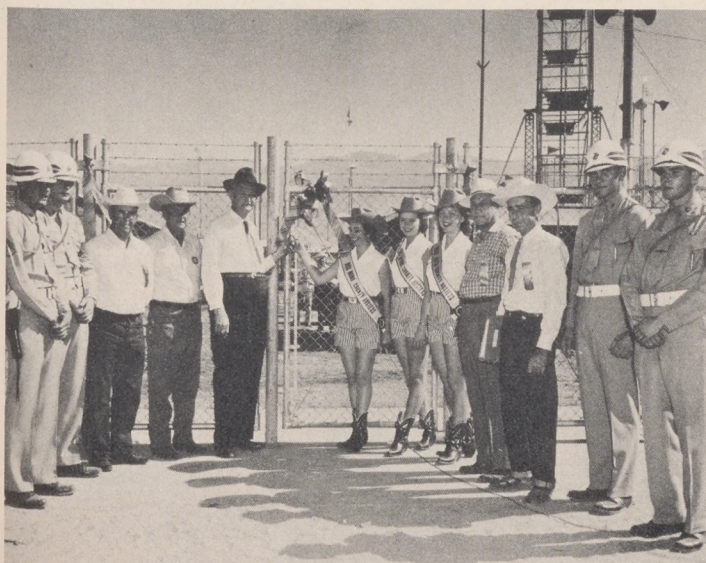




• Rope 'em, cowboy! The RCA-approved rodeo is one of the featured events on the program of the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fair, annually held at Bishop. (Photo by Phillips Camera House).



• Cap and Daris Aubrey of Bishop are pictured here with their prize-winning steers. Both are members of the local 4-H club and both take their steer-raising quite seriously. Nice looking youngsters, nice looking animals. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).



• Official opening of the 1955 Fair. State Senator Charles Brown is cutting the ribbon on the gate as the hostesses, members of the fair board, and Marine guards look on. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).



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the foothills. Mt. Tom rises to an elevation of 13,649 feet, one of the highest peaks in the Sierras. Beautiful scenery. (California Division of Highways Photo).

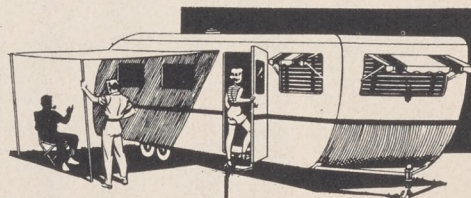


• Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Kline and 14-year old daughter, Pat, are pictured here as they return to North Lake from a pack trip across Piute Pass. There is a lot of interesting back-country over this and Bish-

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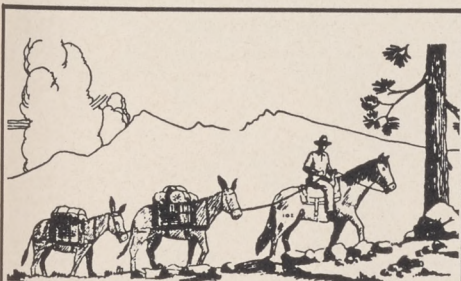
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• This is a more familiar view of Lake Sabrina, as it appears from the lower end. Easily reached by surfaced road from Bishop (18 miles), Lake Sabrina is very

popular with anglers because it is stocked with some 30,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout every year by the Dept. of Fish and Game. Many fishermen also hike from

Sabrina to Blue or Dingleberry Lake (*trail plainly marked*) to get some good back-country Brookie fishing. Many other lakes in the area. (*Fraser's Foto, Pomona*).



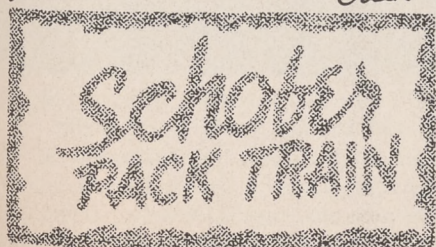
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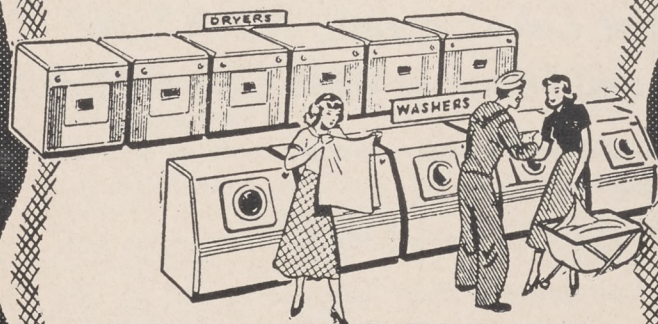
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• North Lake, west of Bishop, is quite scenic as the above picture indicates. Good fishing, too. North Lake is easy to reach by auto and there are camping spots in the area, too. (Photo by Al Hove).

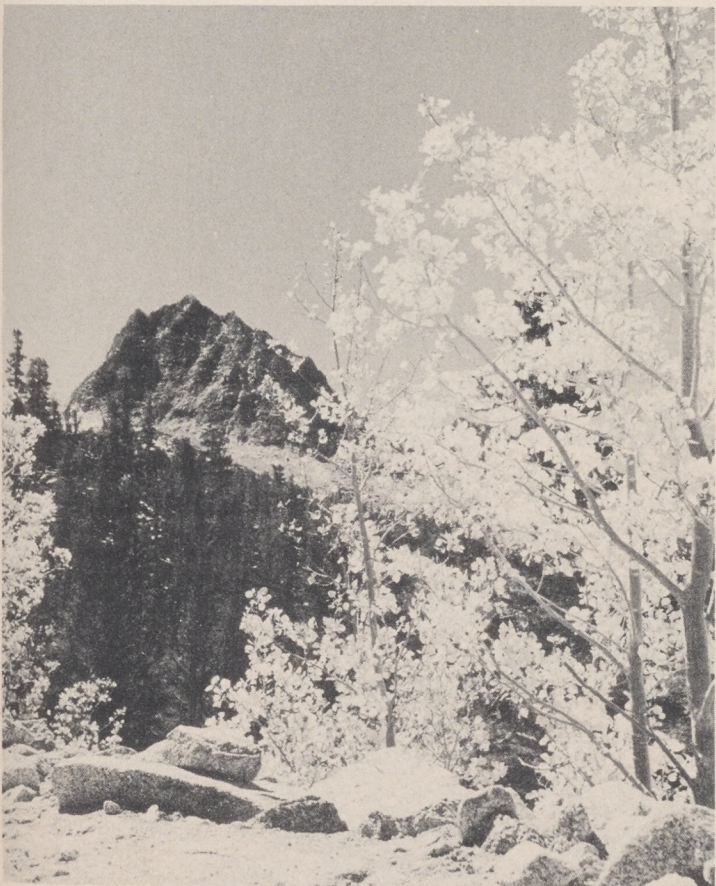


• A weight limit of Brown Trout that's really a dandy. And, the angler in the photo above, with his fine catch, is Haywood "Hy" Hunter of Burbank. Hunter caught these five Brownies on the Owens River at Birchim Canyon June 11, 1955. Largest weighs 3½ lbs., but the others are nice size, too. Hunter is in the gun manufacturing business but manages to come up to Inyo-Mono about once a month during the fishing season. He likes it here.

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• There it goes. Jackie Marsh of Salt Lake City is flipping a flapjack in her camp along Bishop Creek . . . and the cameraman caught the delectable-looking morsel in midair. There are many good public camp grounds along all the forks of Bishop Creek and they are popular in summer. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Mt. Hurd (left) is a familiar landmark back of South Lake and, with the tree in the foreground, it makes an interesting picture. The Fall coloring of leaves is especially beautiful in this area and the late fishing is usually excellent on South Lake as well as the other lakes and streams in this area. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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ing across Piute Pass toward the San Joaquin watershed. From left to right, they are: J. E. Muir, Glendale; A. M. Hubell, Los Angeles; and Lloyd Derby, Norwalk. Nice view. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Not much vegetation near this small stream above North Lake. But, those riding or walking into areas like this often

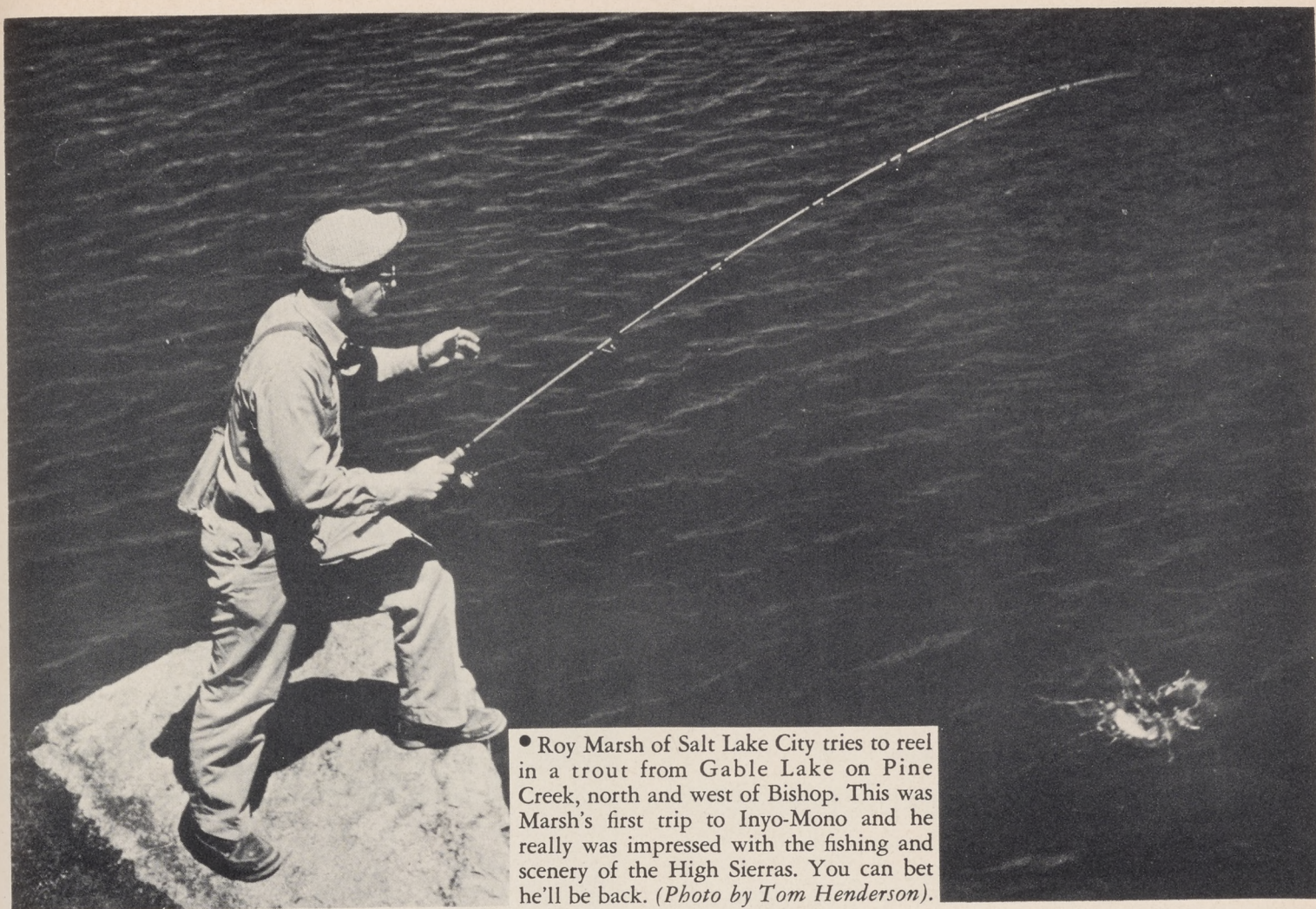
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• Roy Marsh of Salt Lake City tries to reel in a trout from Gable Lake on Pine Creek, north and west of Bishop. This was Marsh's first trip to Inyo-Mono and he really was impressed with the fishing and scenery of the High Sierras. You can bet he'll be back. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



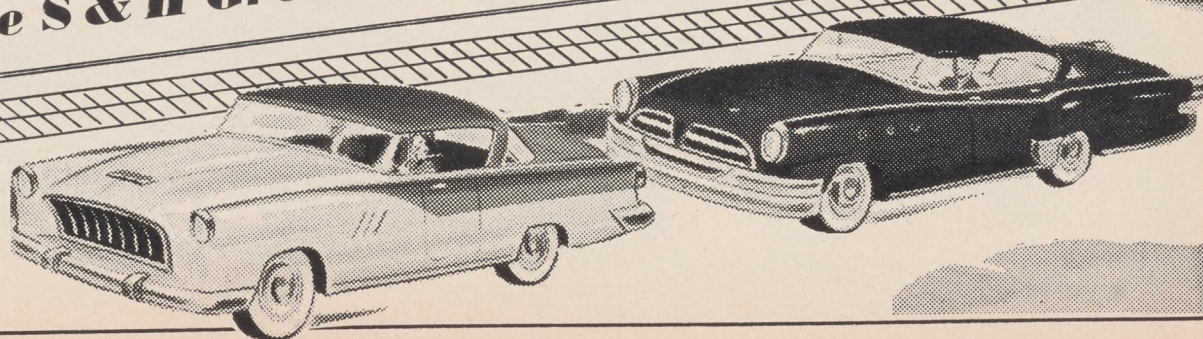
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Bishop and Owens River Area . . .



• There are any number of un-named lakes (*such as the one shown above*) in the back-country of Bishop Creek. Some are barren, but some are good fishing, too—usually Brookies. This one is at a 12,200 foot elevation. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Still another view of Lake Sabrina. You can tell it's popular with the anglers because of the number of cars parked along its north shore near the boat landing. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Of interest to some of the more adventuresome souls are the rock climbing possibilities throughout this area. Here is the Powell Glacier, back of Lake Sabrina on Bishop Creek. A study is being made of this tiny glacier to see if it is increasing or decreasing in size. You certainly can't prove it by us. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Adele Redfern likes to fish and she does a lot of it throughout Inyo-Mono. Here she is shown with an 18-inch Rainbow caught on Owens River. There are plenty of good fishing holes on this large stream.



• Something to smile about. Raymond Patterson, 7, caught these trout on South Lake last summer. His little sister seems to be getting a kick out of posing with them. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson.

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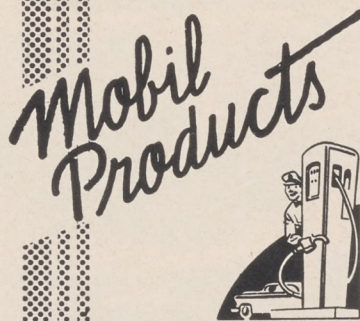
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• ABOVE—Mrs. Violet May of Mammoth caught these dandy Brown Trout on the Owens River opening day of 1955. Total weight is 18½ lbs. Of course Mrs. May used worms for bait . . . because her husband sell them.

• LEFT—There's something about this photo that makes Lake Sabrina look even better than it really does. Could be the reflection of the sun on the water or the snow-capped peaks in the background. More than likely, though, it's the beautiful girls striking a pose in the foreground. They are: Gloria Redmon, Lani Palmer, and Joyce Mort. Nice picture! (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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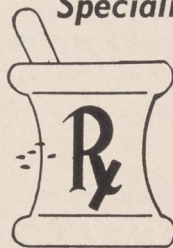
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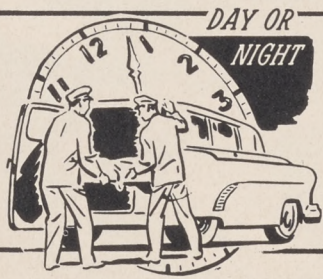
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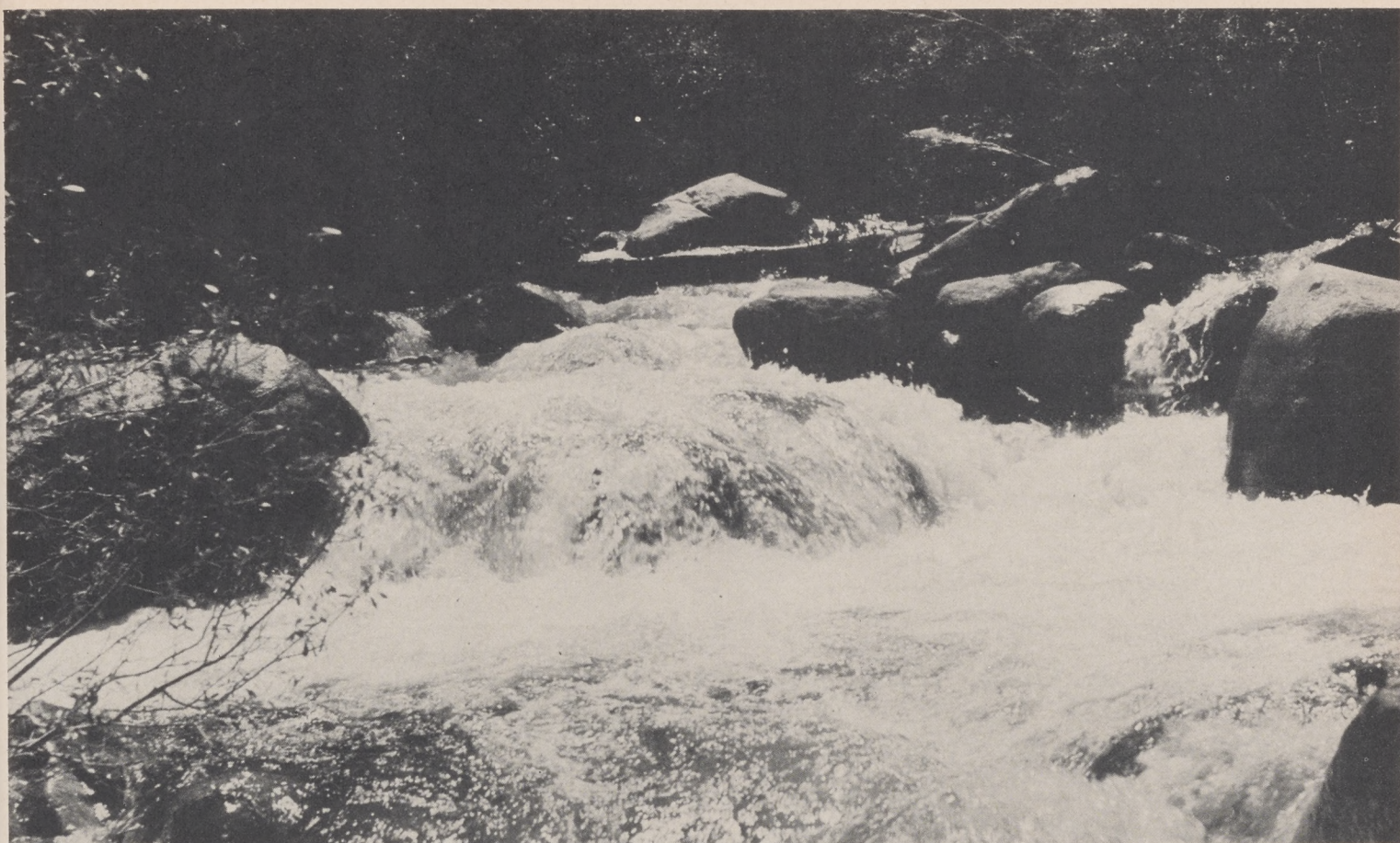
Bishop and Owens River Area . . .



• Weir Lake on the South Fork of Bishop Creek isn't large, but you'll have a lot of fun . . . and probably get good results . . . if you try for those Brownies that are in there. Evening fly fishing is best, especially during summer. (Photo by Tom Henderson)



• Say, here are two real Izaak Waltons . . . and no fooling—"Tex" Trail and "Gil" Gilmour. They live in Bishop, but they fish all the good places they can think of. And their favorite haunts are on Grant Lake or the Owens River. That cooling box is filled with some dandy Brownies, caught by these two men.



• Bishop Creek is one of the longest and largest streams in Inyo-Mono and it certainly is one of the most popular, too, as far as fishermen are concerned. You'll find

spots where the water rushes over rocks (as in the photo above) and you'll find quiet and deep pools where there are likely to be some big trout lurking. And, since

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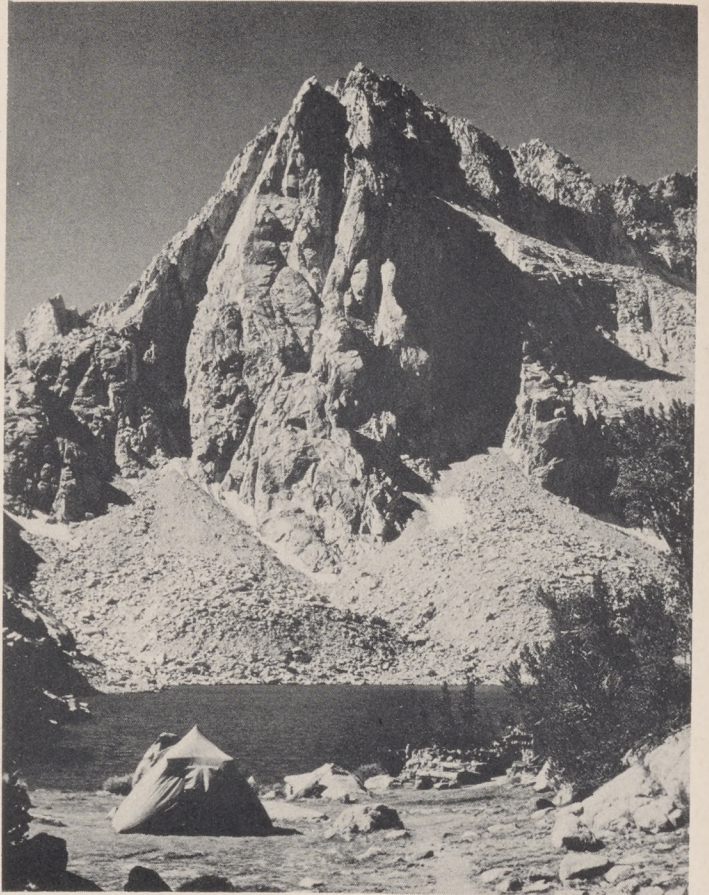
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Bishop and Owens River Area . . .



• It's a mystery how some of the lakes in the High Sierras get their names, but you can draw your own conclusion from this one. The photo above shows Hungry Packer Lake and it's in the Sabrina Basin on Bishop Creek. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Isn't that a lovely reflection of the mountains in George Lake on Bishop Creek in the Sabrina Basin? (Don't confuse this with Lake George in the Mammoth area). George Lake is also excellent fishing. Dick Waters at the left. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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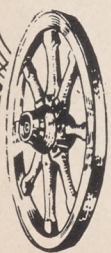


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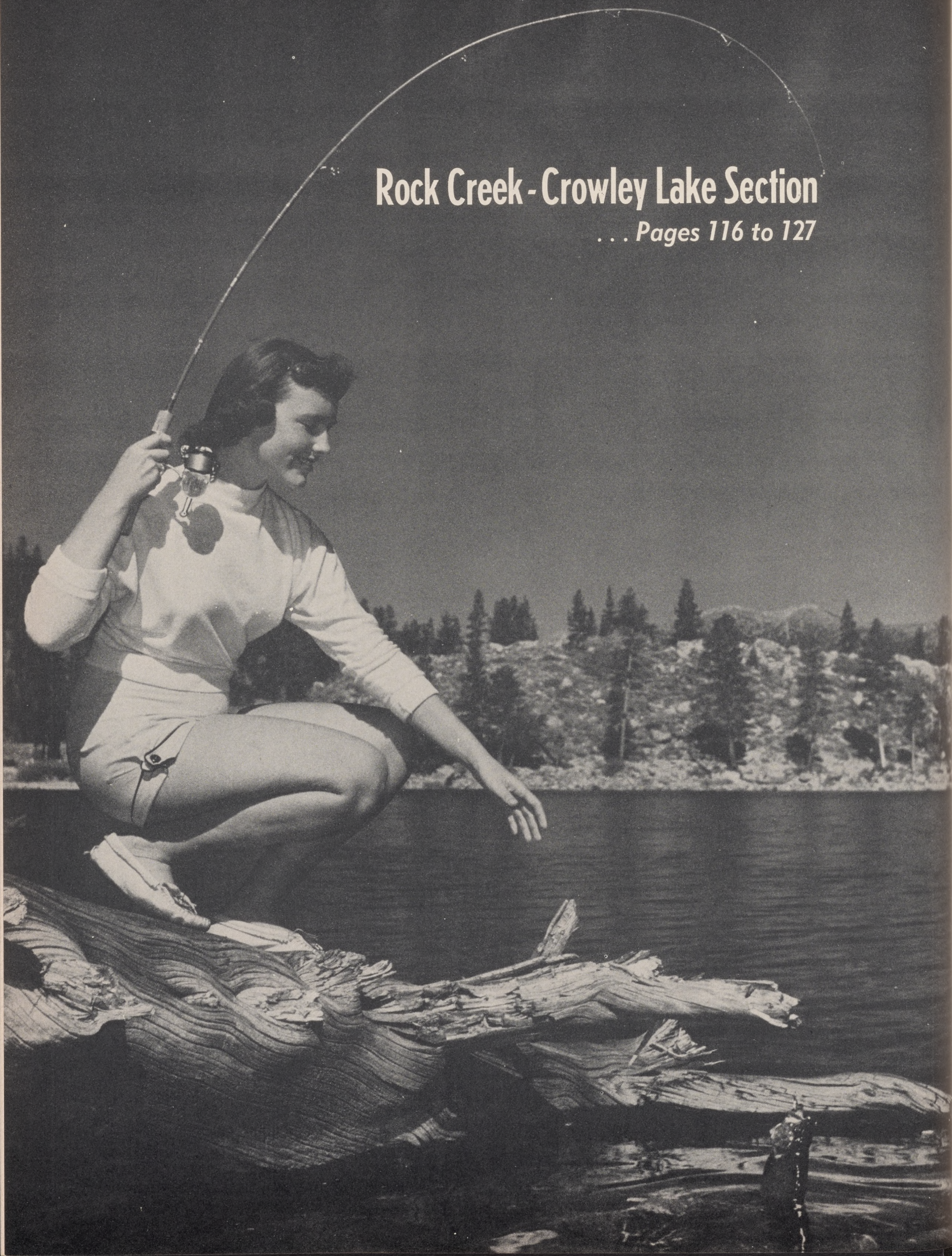
Those who like early California history will find a wealth of material here, including the ghost-town of Bodie, Old Mammoth, Old Benton, the old Lundy mine and other places. Bridgeport itself is an historic old town and the courthouse (pictured above) built in 1880, is one of the reminders of the early days. We invite you to stop in and look it over.

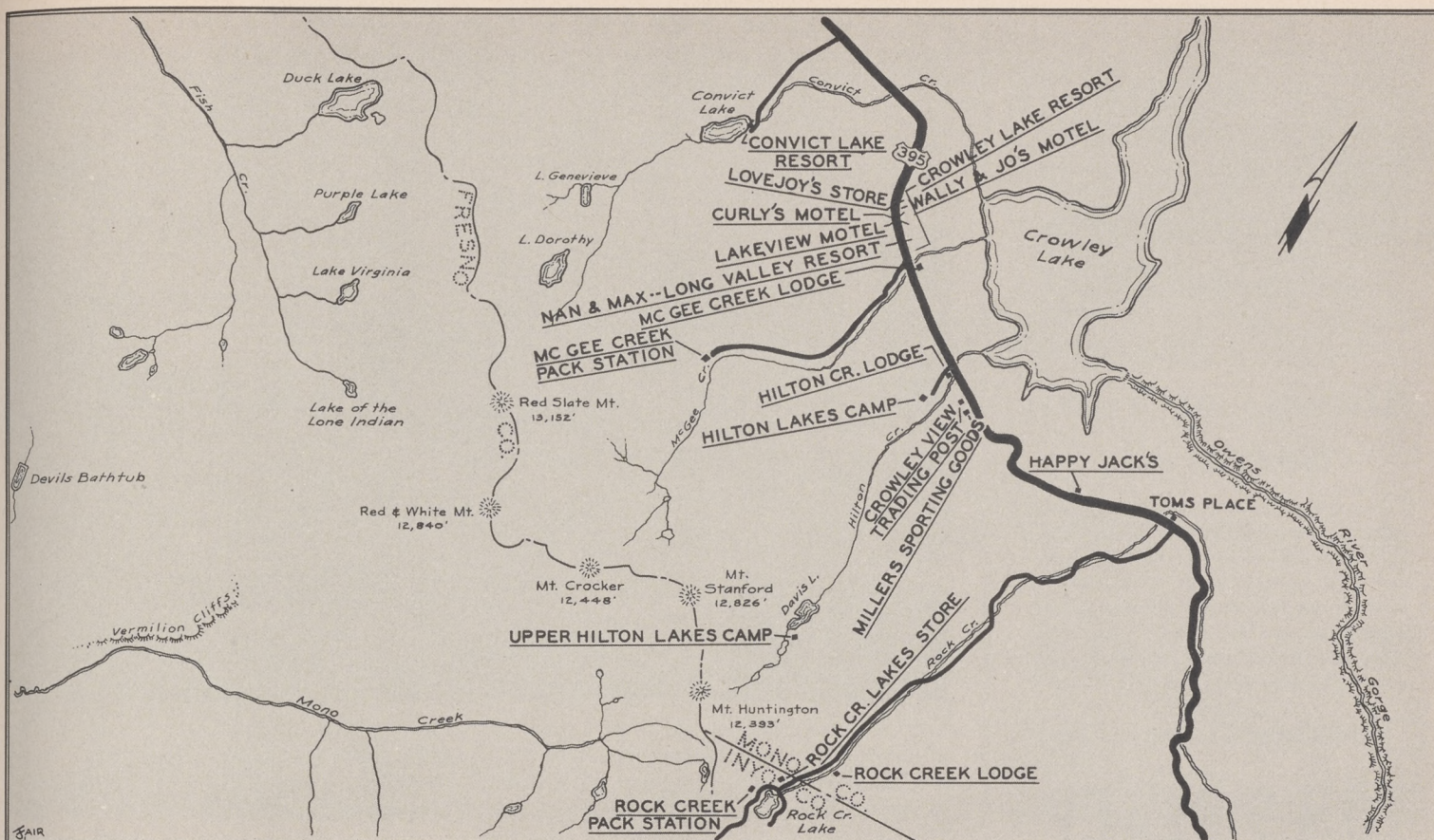
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For more information, we invite you to write the Mono county clerk at Bridgeport or the Mono County Chamber of Commerce at Lee Vining.

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Rock Creek, Crowley, Convict Lake Section

The Rock Creek-Crowley-Convict Lake section of Inyo-Mono, which is graphically described by photograph and accompanying explanation in the following pages, is another extremely popular region of the Eastern High Sierra.

As we travel northward, across Sherwin Grade on U. S. 395, we come to a road leading westward into the Sierras, just south of Tom's Place. Generally speaking, this road follows Rock Creek upward to Rock Creek Lake (elevation of 9,682 feet). During the summer, you're likely to pass scores of trailers and tents in the public camp grounds which line the banks of this well-known stream. And, you are likely to see quite a few anglers out trying their luck, too, because Rock Creek is a good fishing stream. It is a long stream and is fished heavily, because it is so easily reached. But it is stocked generously and regularly with catchable-size Rainbow Trout by the Department of Fish and Game.

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Back down on U. S. 395, we continue on northward through Tom's Place, to the South Landing of Crowley Lake. This man-made lake, owned and operated by

the City of Los Angeles, is known as the "lair of the tackle busters" and it is no idle slogan. More big trout are caught in Crowley every year than in any other California lake, barring none. There is lots of feed for the fish in this lake and the Dept. of Fish and Game cooperates by stocking it every fall with at least 100,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout. These grow into excellent fish by the following spring. In



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Barbara Baxter of Bishop is pictured here as she hooks a dandy trout on Rock Creek Lake, a good fishing and camping spot, at the end of the Rock Creek Road leading westward from U. S. 395 just south of Tom's Place. Anglers usually have good luck on Rock Creek Lake. Photographers, too! (Photo by Tom Henderson).

addition, there are thousands of Brown Trout in Crowley, many of them of fantastic size. The all-time record catch is a fish slightly more than 19 lbs., but there are bigger ones in there, waiting to be caught.

There are other good fishing spots in this section of Inyo-Mono. Several good streams flow out of the High Sierras into Crowley and into the river above it, including Hilton Creek, McGee Creek, etc.

The Hilton Lakes are quite popular, too. This group of scenic back-country lakes (at an elevation of a little more than 10,000 feet) can readily be reached by daily trips of a pack train, operating a half-mile west of U. S. 395. Boats are for rent on some of these lakes where fishing for Rainbows, Browns, Brookies, and some Golden is extra special. There are sportsmen's accommodations available at these upper lakes, too.

Convict Lake is another popular and well-known spot. Easily reached by surfaced road extending westward from U. S. 395, several miles north of Crowley, this lake provides good fishing, and rugged Sierra scenery. A resort on this lake offers accommodations, supplies, boats, pack horses, and camping grounds.

Hot Creek is another famous stream included. This creek, flowing eastward from U. S. 395, is considered one of the very best "low level" fishing streams in the High Sierras. Because of the temperature of the water, and the abundance of natural feed, the trout seem to grow extra well. And, there are plenty of good sized Browns and Rainbows in here, to be taken. Most everyone uses flies on this stream, with excellent results.



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PICTORIAL SECTION: Rock Creek, Crowley Lake



• Rock Creek is one of the longest streams in the entire Eastern High Sierra. And, the picture above shows a section of it near its upper end. This part of the stream is

reached only by packing or hiking. The photo also shows part of the pack train, which has stopped for a brief rest at the stream's edge. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).



• The banks of lower Rock Creek (from Rock Creek Lake to U. S. 395) are well populated with campers and with trailers. There are several good public camp

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popular lake. A record-breaking number of sportsmen—6,916 altogether—fished the "lair of the tackle-busters" that day. Cold weather and snow cut down the crowd on the second day, but Crowley Lake had

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PICTORIAL SECTION: *Rock Creek, Crowley Lake*



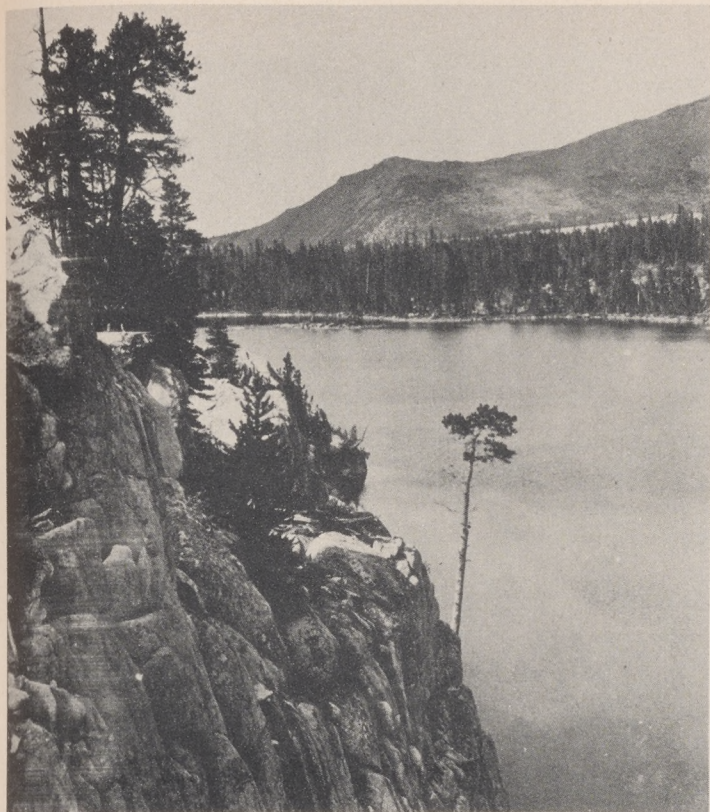
• Here's a view of popular Rock Creek Lake, 9 miles west of U. S. 395. The road, plainly marked, turns west from the highway just south of Tom's Place. Rock Creek Lake is consistently good fishing and is stocked with 15,000 catchable-size trout each year. Elevation is 9682 feet. The immediate area around the lake is served by a store, with boats to rent on this and other nearby lakes, and a pack station which can take you to the excellent back-country not very far away. (Photo by Tom Henderson)



• Thora Keefer (*left*) looks on as though she doesn't believe it. At any rate, Virginia Foster holds up a fine Rainbow Trout which she has just caught in Rock Creek, not far from the lodge. Rock Creek is good fishing for most of its entire length and it's quite long. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Maxine Hodges, Bishop high school girl, hasn't had any luck yet today, but she keeps trying. She's fishing Rock Creek Lake and with her determination and excellent equipment . . . well, we're sure she'll land a big one before the day is over. Makes a nice picture. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• ABOVE AND RIGHT—Here are two scenic views on the famous Hilton Lakes. These excellent back-country waters can be reached by pack train or a strenuous hike. Fishing is usually very good and there are some big ones in this group of lakes, too. There is a lodge with limited accommodations and there are also boats for rent on several of the Hilton Lakes. Lake No. 2 is pictured above; Lake No. 4 at the right. (*Fraser's Fotos, Pomona*).



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• Another view of Upper Rock Creek, this time at Mosquito Flats. This is a popular spot for anglers and the results are usually

good. You'll find Brookies as well as Rainbows in this part of Rock Creek, a good fishing stream. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).



• Mack Lake is a good back-country lake above Rock Creek. Fishing is good, scenery is good. Eastern Brook fingerlings are

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Crowley Lake: 'Home of Big Ones'



• This quartet of anglers braved the 12-inch snowfall on the second day of the 1955 season at Crowley Lake and returned with a nice catch. They are, from left to right: Gene Ferguson, Altadena; Jack Curnow, fish and game editor for Los Angeles Times; Howard Walker, Hot Creek; and Art Rogers, photographer for Los Angeles Times. (Dept. of Recreation and Parks Photo).



• These two Ventura anglers, Bill Pitts (left) and Art Clemore, are landing a 7 lb. Brown on Crowley Lake, early in the 1955 season. Very nice fish! (Dept. of Recreation and Parks Photo).



• These four Owens Valley anglers had a big day at Crowley. They are displaying 54 nice fish, caught in 2½ hours. From left to right, they are: Stan Eckert, Sam Henderson, Omie Mairs, and Sabert Keough, all from Independence. (Photo by Bud Lewis).

Here Are A Few of The Big Trout Caught on Crowley Lake During 1955



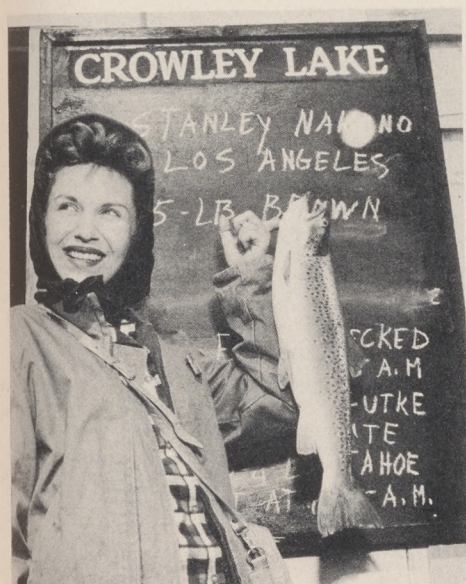
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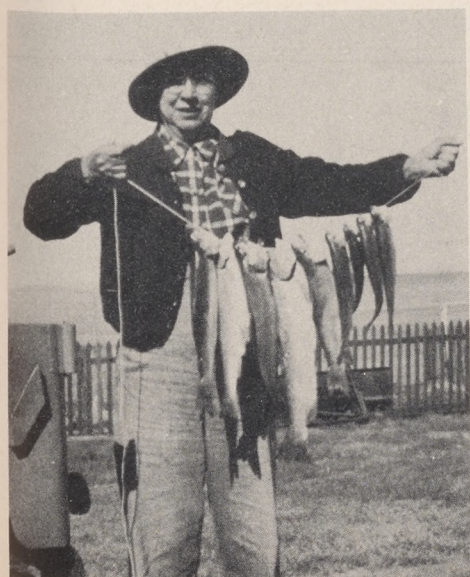
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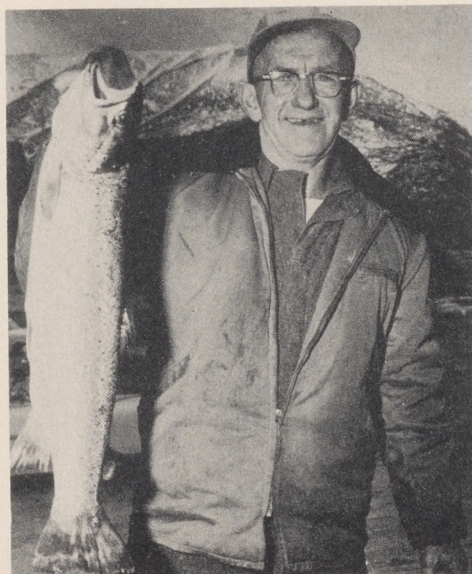
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• Hot Creek has always been one of the most popular of Inyo-Mono's trout streams. Easy to reach by a good road going eastward from U. S. 395 (*just about even with Convict Lake*), Hot Creek abounds in good-sized Brownies and Rainbows. The water is just about the right temperature, and there is plenty of feed, to make the trout nice and big. In the photo above Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Smoot of Long Beach are trying their luck on Hot Creek. They usually do all right. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Mr. and Mrs. Adams of Porterville are pictured here with a fine limit of trout taken from Convict Lake in June of 1955. Convict Lake, and the lakes above it, are good fishing. And the scenery is grand.



• Jimmy Rhodes, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rhodes of Belmont, Calif., is cooking up the trout on a recent pack-trip to the Third Recess. Looks mighty good eating. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).



• Bill Ivens of Los Angeles is trying his luck on Hilton Lake No. 1. This, and the other back-country lakes in this immediate area, are excellent fishing and the scenery is of the best. You might catch Browns, Rainbows, or Brookies. (Steve Lukacik Photo).



• Glenn Jaynes of Bishop usually has good luck when he goes fishing on Convict Lake. Others do, too. The photographer had good luck that day, anyway, because he came up with one of the outstanding fishing photos (*above*) of the year, don't you think? Send us your photos this year. (*Dept. of Water and Power Photo*).



• Robert Meyers, 6, holds up his catch from Convict Lake. The fish isn't particularly large, but Robert is mighty proud of it. There are plenty of excellent camping spots at the upper end of Convict Lake and the picture above shows one of them. Supplies are available at the store nearby. (*Photo by Tom Henderson*).

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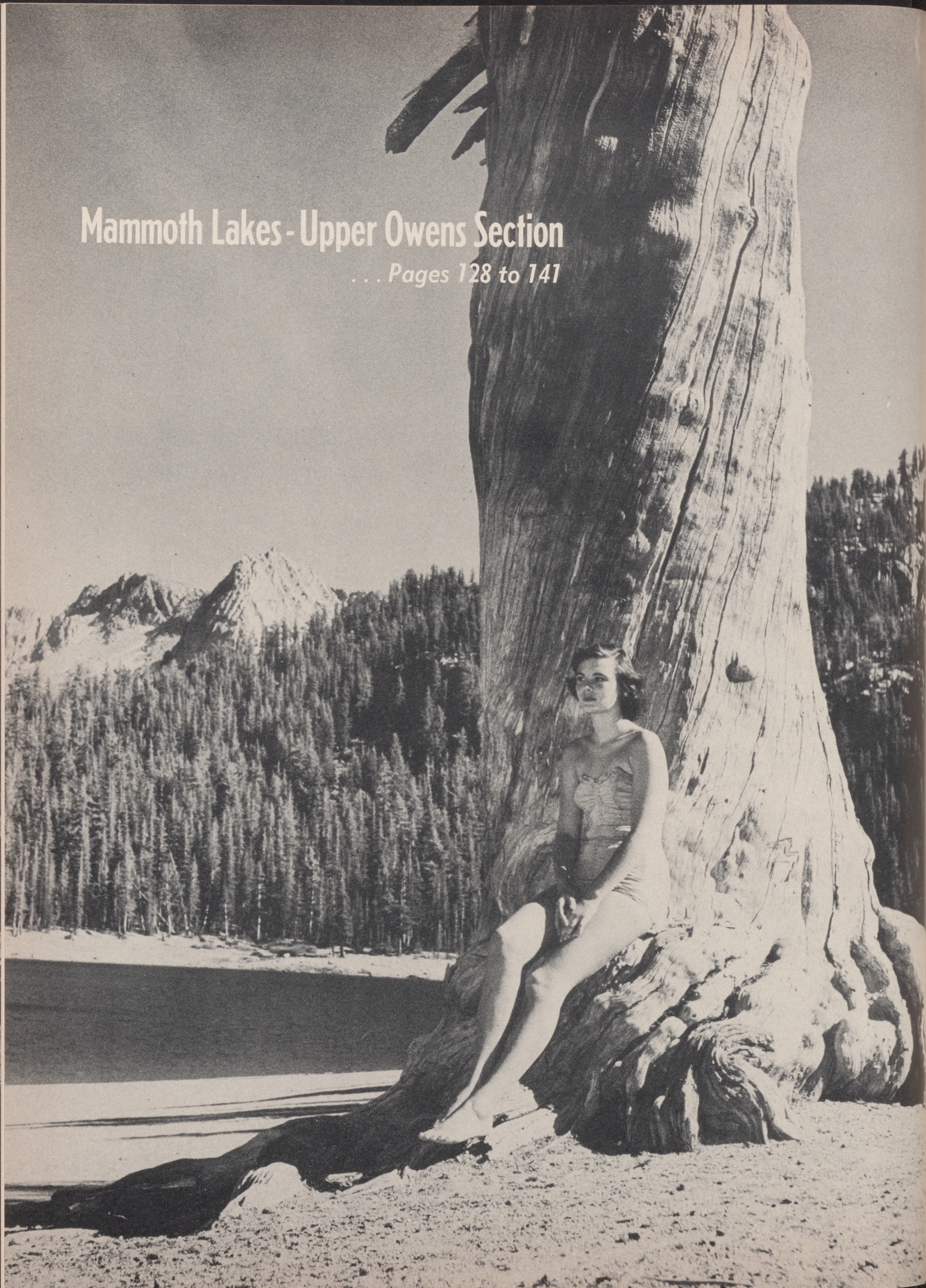
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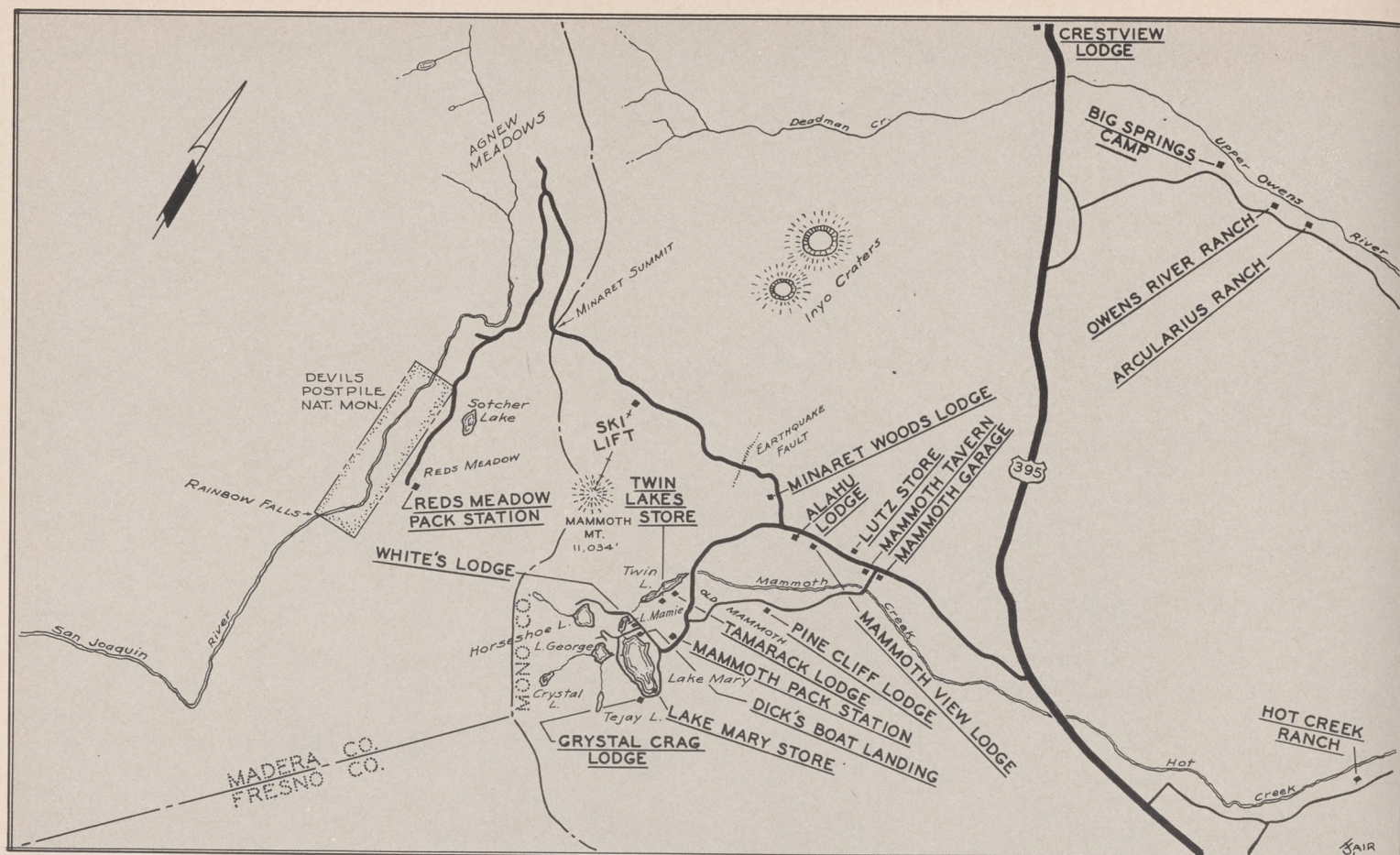
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Mammoth Lakes, Upper Owens River Section

Mammoth Lakes is fast assuming its rightful place as Inyo-Mono's "year-round playground." Located only a few miles west of U. S. 395, and served almost entirely by surfaced road, Mammoth is a favorite with fishermen, skiers, and hunters. And, of course, there are always those who don't do any of these; they just lie around and relax—enjoying the refreshing mountain air and the lovely scenery.

Principal lakes in the Mammoth Area are Mary, Mamie, George, Twin, and Horseshoe. All of them are readily accessible by good road and all provide good fishing throughout the season—as they are regularly planted with catchable-size trout by the Department of Fish and Game. Mammoth Creek also furnishes good angling for those who like to work a stream. And, there are lots of good back-country lakes that may be reached by packing or hiking. A pack station serves the Mammoth area and another operates out of Reds Meadows nearby.

The area around the latter is also quite popular. Readily reached by the surfaced Minaret Road, it provides good fishing on the San Joaquin River, Sotcher Lake, and several others. Devil's Postpile, a National Monument and quite a tourist attraction, is also located here. And so are Rainbow Falls and the earthquake faults.

There are many resorts, stores, boat landings, etc. in the Mammoth Lakes area. And, there are plenty of good camp

grounds for those who wish to "rough it." Swimming is allowed on Horseshoe Lake at the end of the main Mammoth road.

Fishing was especially good in the Mammoth Lakes area during the 1955 season. In fact, some of the largest trout reported in the Inyo-Mono area were taken from



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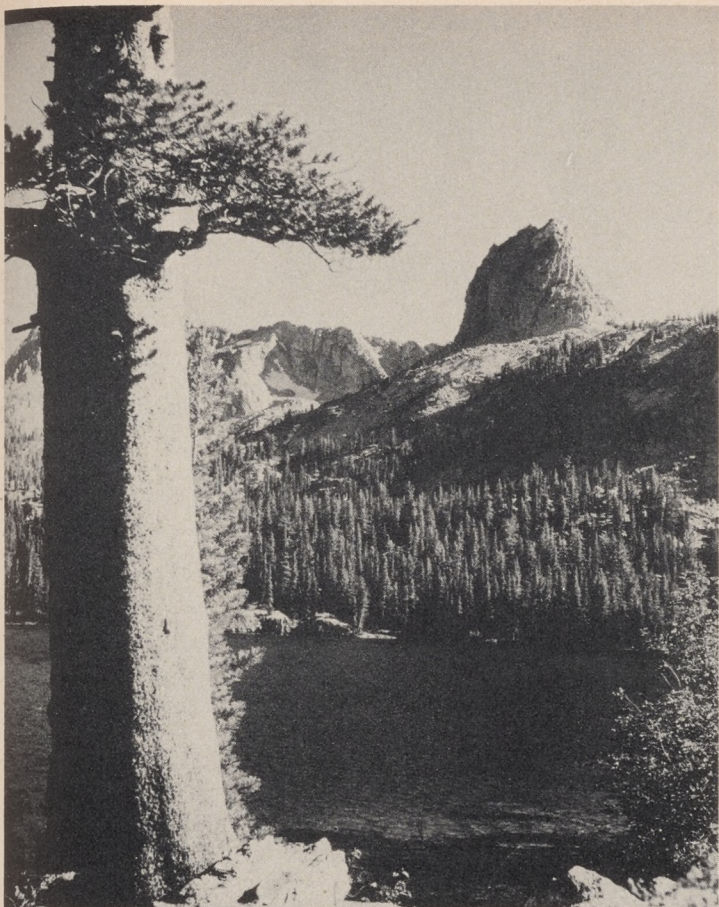
Horseshoe Lake is one of the prettiest of the Mammoth Lakes and is popular not only for fishing, but for swimming as well. (It is the only lake in the area where swimming is allowed). It is very photogenic, too, and the combination of the ancient tree and the youthful girl make a striking foreground. Incidentally, her name is Carol Christopherson and she's from Stockton. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

Twin Lakes, Lake Mary, and Mammoth Creek. And, while the big ones are more or less a rarity, there are thousands of nice-sized fish caught each year on these beautiful lakes which are located around the 9,000-foot level.

But the sport which is making Mammoth more and more popular as a "year-round playground" is skiing. Mammoth Mountain, long-blessed with an abundance of snow and a big variety of slopes, now boasts a 3500-foot double-chair lift which is now making Dave McCoy's operation even more popular, especially with the southern California enthusiasts who are often hard-pressed to find suitable snow in the Southland. There are several good ski lodges in the area, appealing especially to the winter business, and more are being planned. Mammoth Mountain is a skiing "natural" and it is hoped that someday it will be a "Sun Valley of California" with a variety of winter recreation and facilities.

The other part of Inyo-Mono included in this section is the Upper Owens River. It is reached by turning eastward from U. S. 395 between Casa Diablo and Crestview. Served by two popular resorts, this area provides excellent stream fishing (*trout are usually nice size*), good accommodations, camping facilities at Big Springs, and excellent deer hunting during the season.

Anglers will be especially well pleased with the large Brown Trout on the Upper Owens River in addition to the many fine Rainbows and occasional Cutthroats. This is one of the really fine fishing spots in Inyo-Mono.



• If you are not intimately acquainted with the Mammoth Lakes, it is sometimes difficult to tell pictures of them apart—especially since many of them often have Crystal Crag in the background. But this one is Lake George, second largest of the group. Embracing 32 acres, at an elevation of 9,060 feet, it is reached by a good dirt road crossing the outlet of Lake Mary. Lake George is extremely scenic and good fishing, too. The Dept. of Fish and Game annually plants it with between 10,000 and 16,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout. You'll like it. *(Photo by Tom Henderson).*



• No mistaking this picture. It shows the bridge across Twin Lakes, a familiar landmark to any of the thousands who have fished these popular lakes. This particular photo was taken early in the spring when there was a trace of snow on the shoreline. During the summer, of course, there is no snow here. But the area is extremely beautiful, just the same. *(Photo by Arthur Webb).*

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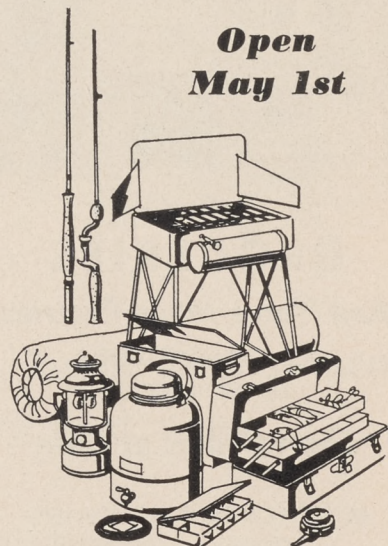
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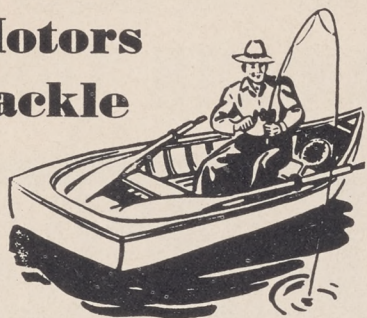


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● ABOVE—This is Lake Mary, largest of the Mammoth Lakes. The photo is taken across one of the boat landings which serve this popular lake. Lake Mary is located at an altitude of 8,931 feet and includes 69.5 acres of surface. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).

● LEFT—This 9 lb. Brown Trout, largest caught in Lake Mary in recent years, was taken June 10, 1955, by Comdr. N. F. Walters of the Parachute Unit of the El Centro Naval Auxiliary Air Station. He was still-fishing from the shore when he hooked this trophy, which measured 27 inches in length. His two children, Deskin and Deanna, happily look on as their father poses for this picture in Bishop. (Chalfant Press Photo).

● BOTTOM LEFT—Linda Traynor of San Francisco celebrated her 8th birthday at Mammoth Lakes last summer by going fishing with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Traynor. And, as usual, they got plenty of trout. She's holding a nice Brookie and the rest are Rainbows. The Traynor family is fond of Mammoth Lakes, especially Lower Twin Lake where these trout were caught.

● BOTTOM RIGHT—John W. Cave, who works for MGM Studios in Culver City, caught his limit of trout every day during his vacation at Pine Cliff Lodge in Mammoth Lakes last June. The string he is holding was taken on Lake Mary June 4.





• You'll nearly always see a large number of boats out on Lake Mary as it is a very popular fishing lake. And, most of the anglers get good results because Lake Mary

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Crag, in the background. This is the largest of the Mammoth Lakes group. There are public camping areas, boat landings, a lodge and store. (Tom Henderson Photo).

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• Tom Shores, caretaker at Tamarack Lodge, caught this 6¼ lb. Rainbow on Mammoth Creek in August. The prize fish measured 25 inches in length. He caught it with four perriwinkles on a size 6 hook. Nice fish. (Photo by Alfred E. Eastman).



• This interesting photo of Mammoth Creek falls was taken in the spring, before the snow had melted. This stream drains the Mammoth Lakes and provided some especially good fishing during the 1955 season. It's beautiful. (Photo by Arthur Webb).



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• Who caught this fish? Well, both of the boys in the pictures above were responsible. In fact, this 8 lb. Brown Trout, which they caught in August on Mammoth Creek, took about all their combined strength to land it. At the left is Michael Truitt, 11, son of Mrs. Hilda Truitt. At the right is Bruce Batchelder, also 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Batchelder. This is one event in the boys' lives they'll not soon forget.



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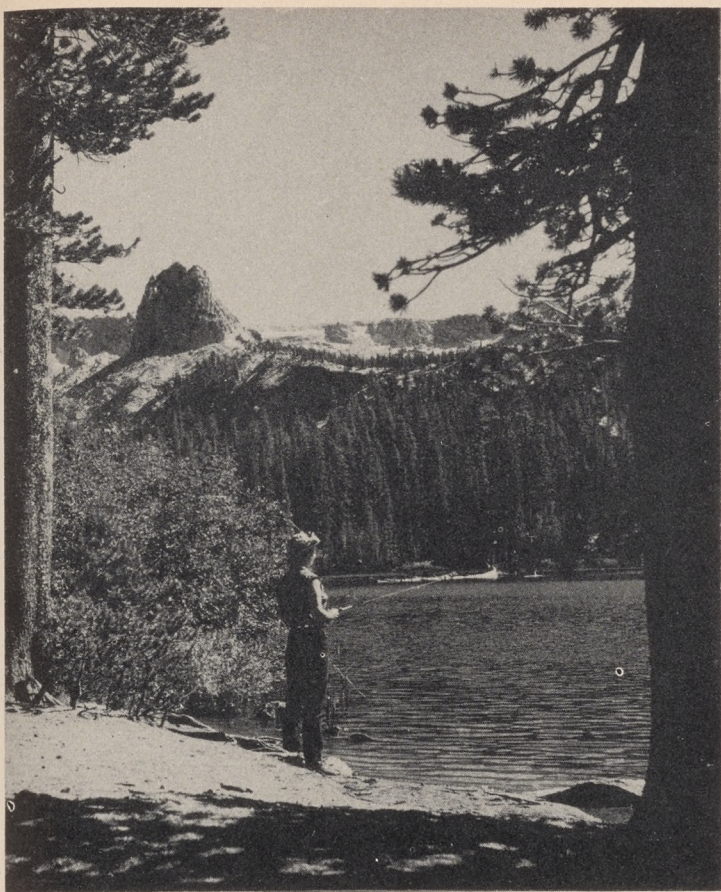
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• No matter where you go, seems like you're always getting Crystal Crag in the picture. This photo was taken on Lake Mamie, another of the popular spots in the Mammoth area. Our cameraman really has made a nice picture out of this one, though. He has Kay Luhring of Los Angeles fishing in the foreground and has the entire picture framed in lovely pine trees. Then, of course, the rippling water of Lake Mamie, and Crystal Crag, add the finishing touches. You'll like the lake. (Tom Henderson Photo).



• Horseshoe Lake is a favorite spot for swimmers, picnickers, and horseback riders. It has a nice sandy beach and swimming is allowed. There is a nearby public camp and lots of interesting trails for riding or hiking. In the picture above, stopping for a brief rest on the Horseshoe Lake beach, are Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Fierce with daughters Janet and Connie. (Photo by Steve Lukacik).

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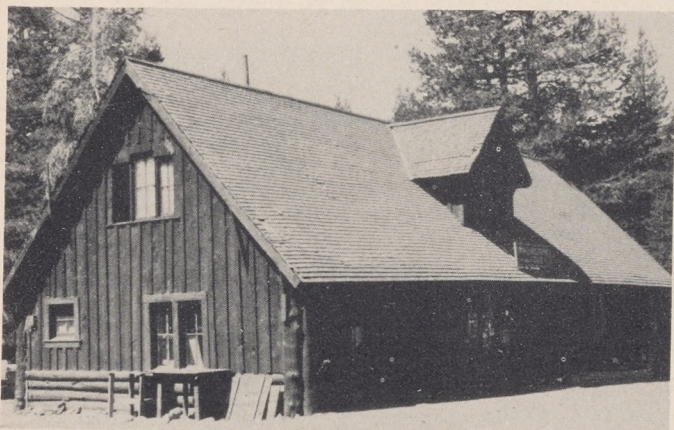
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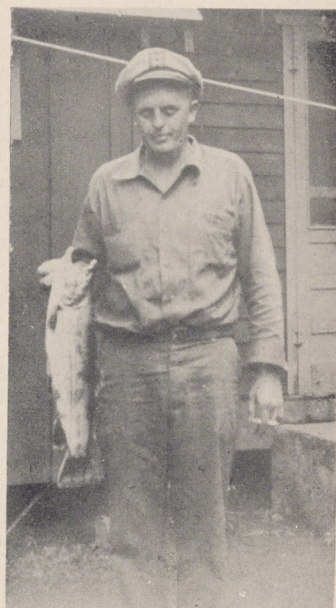
Mammoth Lakes, Upper Owens Area...



• You won't find a prettier picture of Twin Lakes than this one. Taken from the highway above, you can readily see the entire length of the lakes. And, guess what? You find out (*to your horror*) that there are actually three instead of two lakes. The Lower lake embraces 7.45 acres; Center, 15.7 acres; and Upper, 12.84 acres. Twin Lakes are among the most scenic and most popular lakes in the entire Eastern High Sierra. And, they're good fishing, too. Why not try them? (Photo by Charles F. Barnard).



• Bob O'Ryan of Inglewood, Calif., caught this record-breaking 11 lb. 5½ oz. Brown Trout on Twin Lakes July 22, 1955. His lure was a Colorado spinner. Bob is 15 years old and is a junior in high school in Inglewood. Been fishing since he's 3.



• Joseph Thompson caught this, 6 lb. Brownie on Twin Lakes August 4, 1955, and it certainly is a dandy. Measuring 26 inches in length, it gave him quite a fight before he finally landed it. Thompson was using a worm for bait, and it worked.



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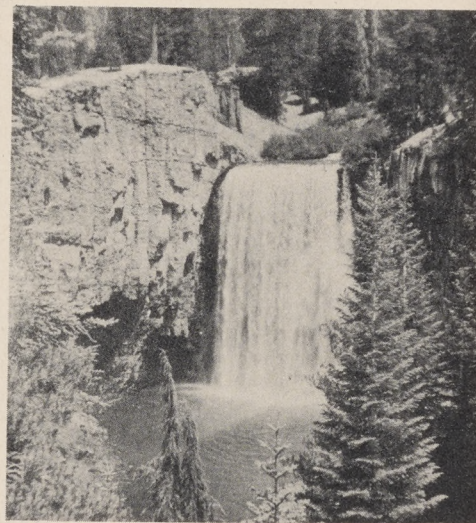
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• The San Joaquin River is an excellent trout fishing stream and is readily reached from the surfaced Minaret Road. You can fish 12 miles of its length, from the headwaters to Rainbow Falls in Reds Meadows where it rises from 7,100 feet to 9,850 feet elevation. Because it is fished so heavily, it is stocked generously with 25,000 to 30,000 catchable-size Rainbow Trout annually. There are many good angling spots (such as shown in the photo above) on San Joaquin River. (Tom Henderson Photo).



• Jana Gill Hamilton, 8, of Salinas, is doing the fishing and her small cousin, Marie Hamilton, 3, of Delano is doing the watching in the picture above, taken at Pumice Flat near Red's Meadows. It's the Hamilton family's 19th year in this area. They like it. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Rainbow Falls on the San Joaquin River is one of the pleasant sights in the Reds Meadows Area, reached by the Minaret Road from Mammoth. Many anglers enjoy the fishing below the falls and everyone enjoys the scenery. The Devil's Postpile is not far. (Alfred P. Eastman Photo).

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● **RIGHT**—John Pinkerton of Ventura holds up one end of a beautiful string of trout while Lura Clement of Arcularius Ranch holds up the other. Allan Pinkerton and Mike Forney, both 12, help bolster the center. Fish were caught in Upper Owens River. Lots of dandies in this stream. (Tom Henderson Photo).

● **UPPER LEFT**—Mr. and Mrs. Bud Valentine of Ventura hold up a 9 lb. Brown Trout caught with a wet fly on the Upper Owens River July 11, 1955.

● **UPPER CENTER**—Albert E. Stuelke of Fullerton raises and sells worms. His results (shown in this photo) say they're good bait. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

● **LOWER LEFT**—Joni Johnson, Inyo-Mono guide, helps Susan Clement and Mrs. Marie Freeman of Santa Ana hold up this fine 4 lb. Rainbow Trout caught on Upper Owens River July 15, 1955.



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• Harry Hillman, a member of the Los Angeles Board of Education, enjoys his fly-fishing and he's mighty proud of the two fat Brown Trout which he caught one afternoon last August on the Upper Owens River. There are lots of good spots where good-sized Brownies—and sometimes Rainbows and Cutthroats—can be caught on this stream. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• This fish has just about "had it." "Izz" Jacobs of Yuma, Arizona, brings a 2 lb. Brown Trout to net on the Upper Owens River. Jacobs spends several weeks there each summer and thinks the fly-fishing on the Upper Owens River is just about "tops." And, lots of other anglers are inclined to agree. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Wallace and Mary Hunt of Los Angeles have had a lot of good luck on the Upper Owens River, as the photo above forcibly indicates. Mr. Hunt is holding the biggest (a 3½ lb. Rainbow) but the five Brownies his wife are holding would certainly be prizes in any fisherman's creel. Both are excellent anglers and both enjoy the fly-fishing on the Upper Owens River. It's a popular spot.



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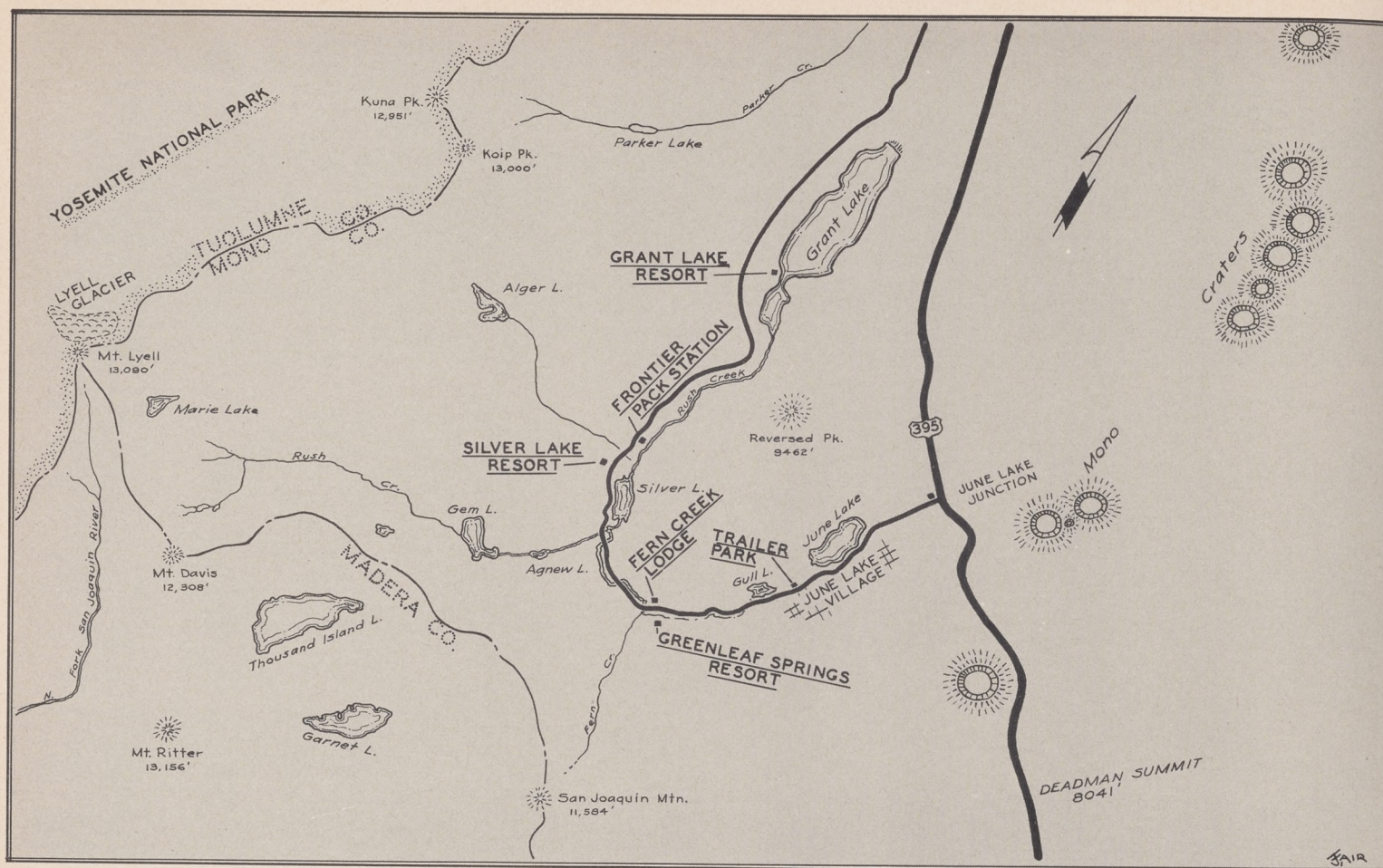
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To reach June Lake from the south, you turn off Highway 395 at June Lake Junction. As soon as you pass "Oh Ridge," the lake will be in plain view—a beautiful sight for those who like to fish, relax, or enjoy the scenery. You pass two resorts before you reach June Lake Village, one of the largest of Inyo-Mono's colonies. Here you'll find motels, stores, restaurants, boat landings, cocktail lounges, trailer parks, and service stations. It's certainly a busy little community during the summer.

It's an ambitious community, too. and only recently a local group has gotten together and worked out a plan to bring television to those who want it in the June Lake Village area. Heretofore the rugged Sierras have been an effective barrier against television, but a group antennae has been built on Oh Ridge and the picture is now piped into many June Lake locations by coaxial cable. So, if you want television, you can have it in June Lake—one of the first of the Mono County resort areas to install it.

As you continue along the surfaced Loop Road, you soon come to Gull Lake, small-

lest of the group of four lakes in the area. But, while it is small, it is usually quite good for fishing. And, like all the other low-level lakes here, it is planted quite heavily with catchable-size Rainbows by the Department of Fish and Game. A re-

sort and boat landing serve this immediate vicinity.

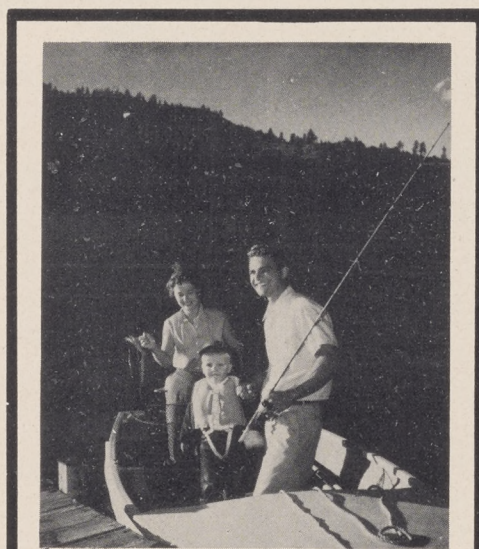
You'll find several resorts located on the road between Gull and Silver Lake, a distance of about 5 miles. Silver Lake, itself, is one of the most scenic in Inyo-Mono. And, there's usually good angling here, with some of the fish going pretty large. A resort and trailer park serve the immediate area.

Rush Creek, which starts in the high country and drains into Silver Lake and then passes on through Grant Lake into Mono Lake, is a good fishing stream for most of its length. It is heavily planted and heavily fished. The Department of Fish and Game stocks it with Rainbows, but there are plenty of native Browns in this stream—and some of them large.

There are several excellent public camp grounds in this immediate area also. And they are quite popular during the summer.

Continuing on around the Loop Road, about 4½ miles farther, you come to Grant Lake. This is the largest in the June Lake Loop area and usually the fishing is quite good. Some of the largest fish in the region are caught on Grant by those who know how to do it. Boats and motors are available at the landing.

The June Lake area is blessed with some beautiful mountain scenery and there are many fine back-country lakes, some of them abounding in sporting Golden Trout, that may be reached by packing or hiking. There is a pack station at Silver Lake.

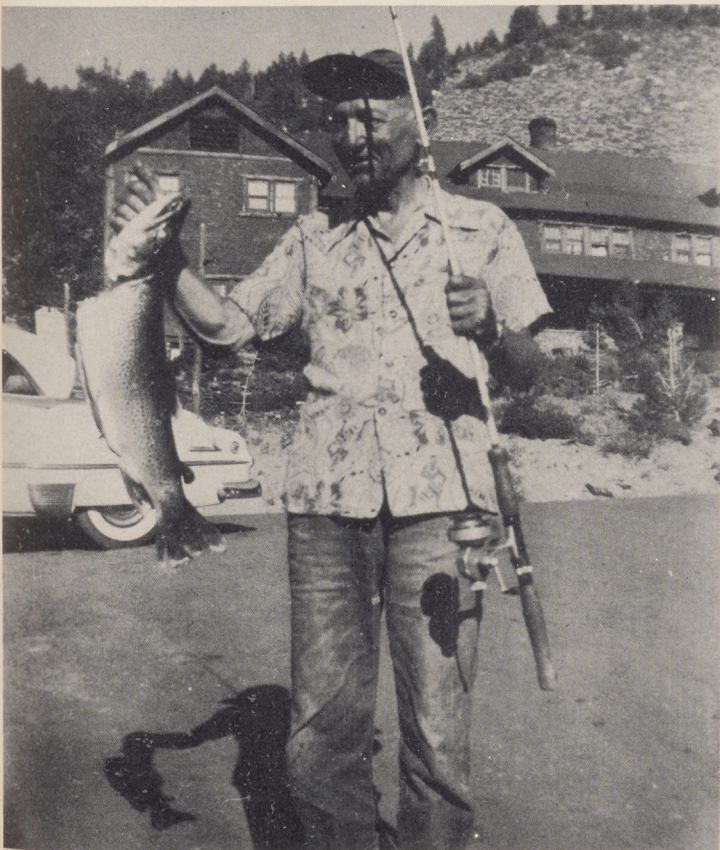


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Many families enjoy their summer vacations on June Lake, best known of the lakes in the Loop Area. In the photo above, taken on June Lake, Eddie and Clarice Kulper are shown with their 2-year-old son, Perry. That's a mighty nice trout they're bringing in. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• What a beautiful photo of June Lake! The cameraman caught everything in this very interesting "shot" of one of Inyo-Mono's most popular lakes . . . including trees, water, sky, and boats. Fishing is usually good on this part of June Lake where anglers in three boats, and a couple on the shore, are framed by the pine tree in the striking picture above. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• This happy fisherman is D. C. Fisher of Inglewood, Calif. He caught the 7 lb. Brown Trout (*which he is holding*) on Grant Lake July 28, while fishing from the bank. He was using salmon eggs on a no. 14 hook and 2 lb. test leader. It took Fisher 25 minutes to land the prize, but it was well worth the effort he says.

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June, Gull, Silver, Grant Lakes Area...



• It's pretty difficult to find a better vacation spot than Silver Lake anywhere in the High Sierras. It's not only good fishing, but it is very photogenic as well. And, there are plenty of places along the shoreline (*like the one shown above*) where the youngsters can really enjoy themselves. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Billott of Fresno, Calif. look mighty proud . . . and well they should be. They are pictured holding the string of Brookies which they caught in Gull Lake in October 1955. Wise anglers are finding out that some of the best fishing comes in September and October. You better try it this Fall if you can!



• Here's a view of June Lake, taken from Oh Ridge to the south and east. June Lake is one of the best known vacation spots in the Eastern High Sierra and there are

plenty of trout to be caught there. For, in addition to the native fish, the Dept. of Fish and Game annually plants it with between 80,000 and 100,000 catchable-size

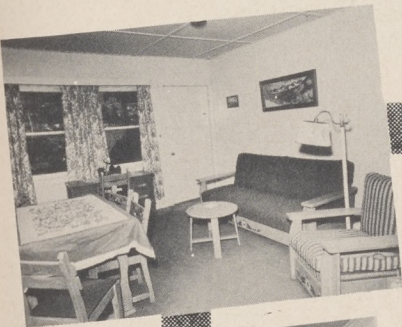
Rainbow Trout. As you can see in the photo above, the lake is readily reached by surfaced road. Resorts and boat landings are located nearby. (Steve Lukacik Photo).



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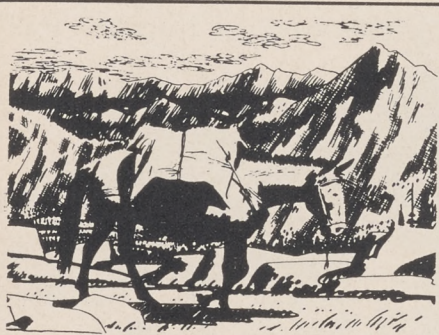


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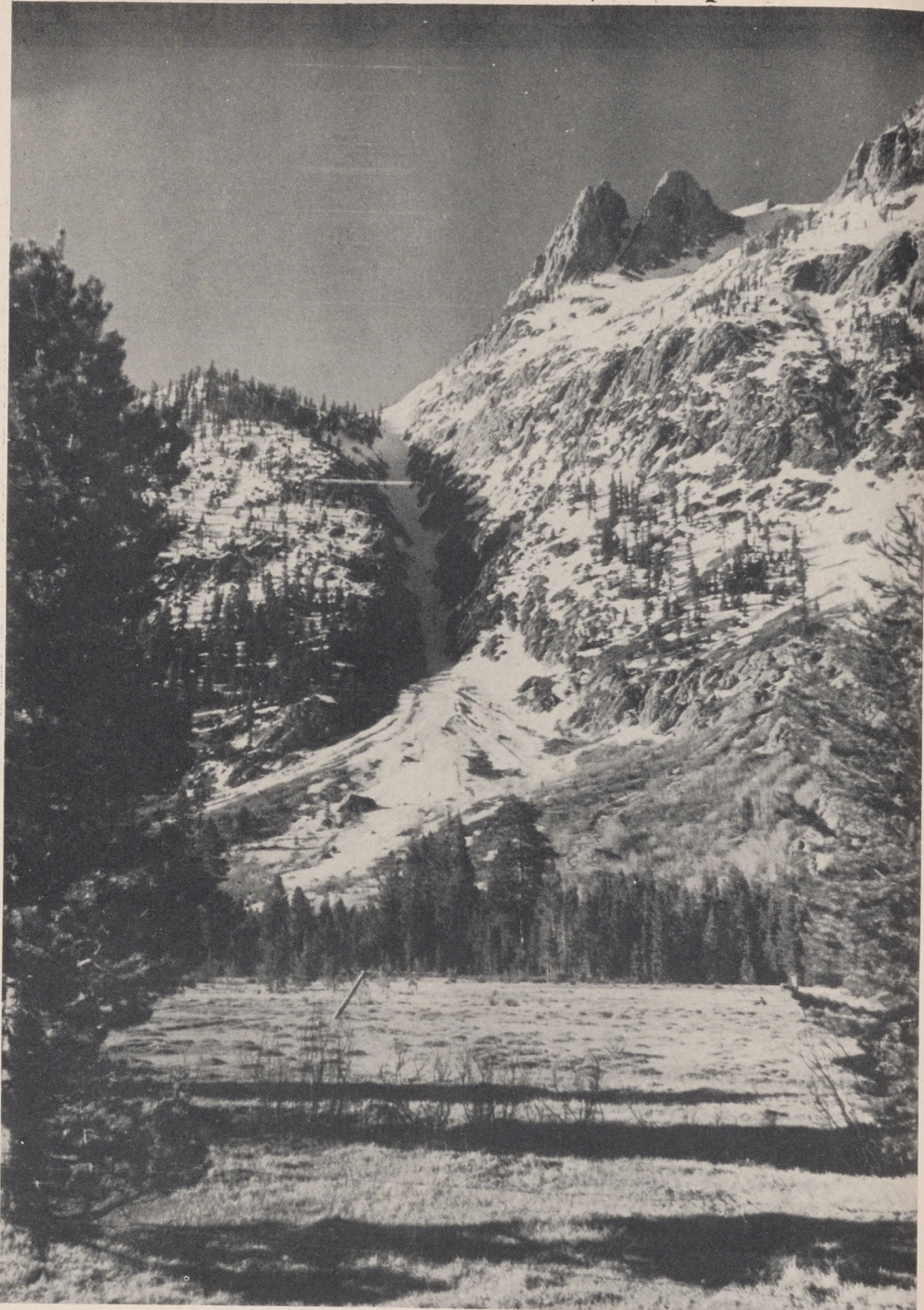
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• Here are the girls; where are the men? Well, the men are out fishing, of course. And, here are the women of the families of Rascoe, Mutch, and Grave from Taft and Mariposa in their camp at June Lake. Say, our cameraman really gets around, doesn't he?



• Olie and Gladys Olson of Fresno caught these dandies on the opening day of fishing on June Lake. They certainly are nice size trout, aren't they?



• The fishing is good today. Just look at those boats out there in one of the good fishing spots on June Lake. Several boat landings have boats and motors for rent. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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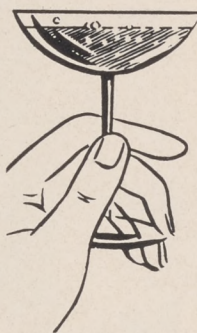
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PICTORIAL SECTION: June Lake Loop Area



• Gull Lake is the smallest of the four principal lakes in the Loop area. But, it is very popular with the fishermen, just the same. The Dept. of Fish and Game an-

nually plants it with some 10,000-20,000 catchable-size Rainbows and there are lots of good-size native Brook Trout in there, too. Try it! (Photo by Dave Newman).



• Alger Lake, readily reached by pack train from the June Lake area, is one of the most popular spots for catching the famous Golden Trout. In the picture above, these

three lucky anglers are holding 30 lbs. of Golden taken from that lake. From left to right, the "fishermen" are: Adeline Hamilton, Jewel Hull, and Robert Bittle.

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• Take a doctor's advice and take a vacation at June Lake. That might be the caption for this photo because all three of the anglers in the photo above are physicians from Los Angeles. And, all seem to be enjoying themselves immensely. Pictured with their day's catch on June Lake are: Dr. Stephen Reynolds, Dr. Franklin L. Ashley, and Dr. Theodore A. Lynn, all from Los Angeles.



• Here's another view of Silver Lake. Fishing is usually good in Silver even though a lot of people "work" it every year. The Dept. of Fish and Game annually plants it with between 20,000 and 40,000 catchable-size Rainbows and there are native Browns (some very nice size) in it, too. Some of the best public camp grounds are located near this lake. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



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● Grant Lake is one of the most popular of all fishing lakes in the Eastern High Sierra. Located adjacent to the June Lake Loop Highway, it is the largest (1,095 acres) of the four lakes in the Loop area. The Dept. of Fish and Game annually plants it with between 65,000 and 70,000 catchable-size Rainbows; but there are lots of native Brown Trout in there, too. And, experienced fishermen usually get those big ones. Boats and motors are available at the landing, but shore fishing is very popular, also, as is evidenced by the picture above. Grant is a man-made lake, formed by damming of Rush Creek. (Tom Henderson Photo).

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• RIGHT—If you are looking for real fishing thrills, you'll want to go after the Golden's which many anglers feel are the most beautiful and most full of fight of all Sierra trout. Here Harold Curry and Red Hamilton of June Lake are shown with their day's catch from Alger Lake, one of the popular back-country spots easily reached from the June Lake Loop area. *(Photo by Ed Krause).*



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June, Gull, Silver, Grant Lakes Area...



• Yes, this is Silver Lake again. Any way you photograph it, you come up with a nice picture. And, most of the time, you'll find good fishing on this lake, too. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• If you're looking for good stream fishing in the June Lake Loop area, you'll find it on Lower Rush Creek. This big mountain stream, extending from Silver to Grant Lake, is planted with catchable-size Rainbow Trout. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



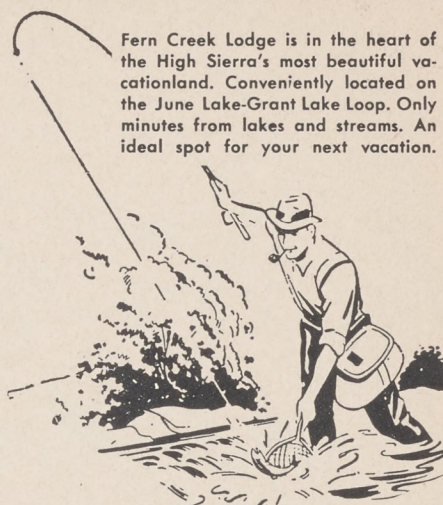
• Here's a view of the boat landing on popular Grant Lake. This lake is large and there are lots of big fish in it. It is planted with Rainbows several times a year, but there are plenty of large native

Brown Trout in there, too. Trolling is very popular, but there are specially good spots for shore fishing, also. You'll want to give Grant a try on your next trip to the Inyo-Mono area. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Gull Lake, while embracing only 68.6 acres, nevertheless provides anglers with lots of good fishing and attractive scenery. Located only a short distance from June Lake, along the surfaced Loop Highway,

it is planted with Rainbow "catchables" regularly. And, there are lots of good Brookies in this lake, too. Boats are available at the landing; or, you can fish it from the shore. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



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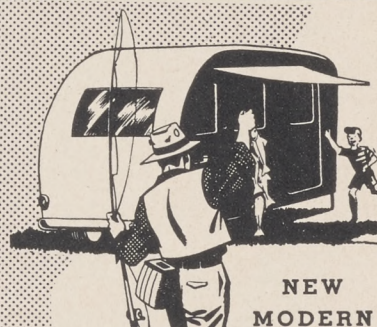
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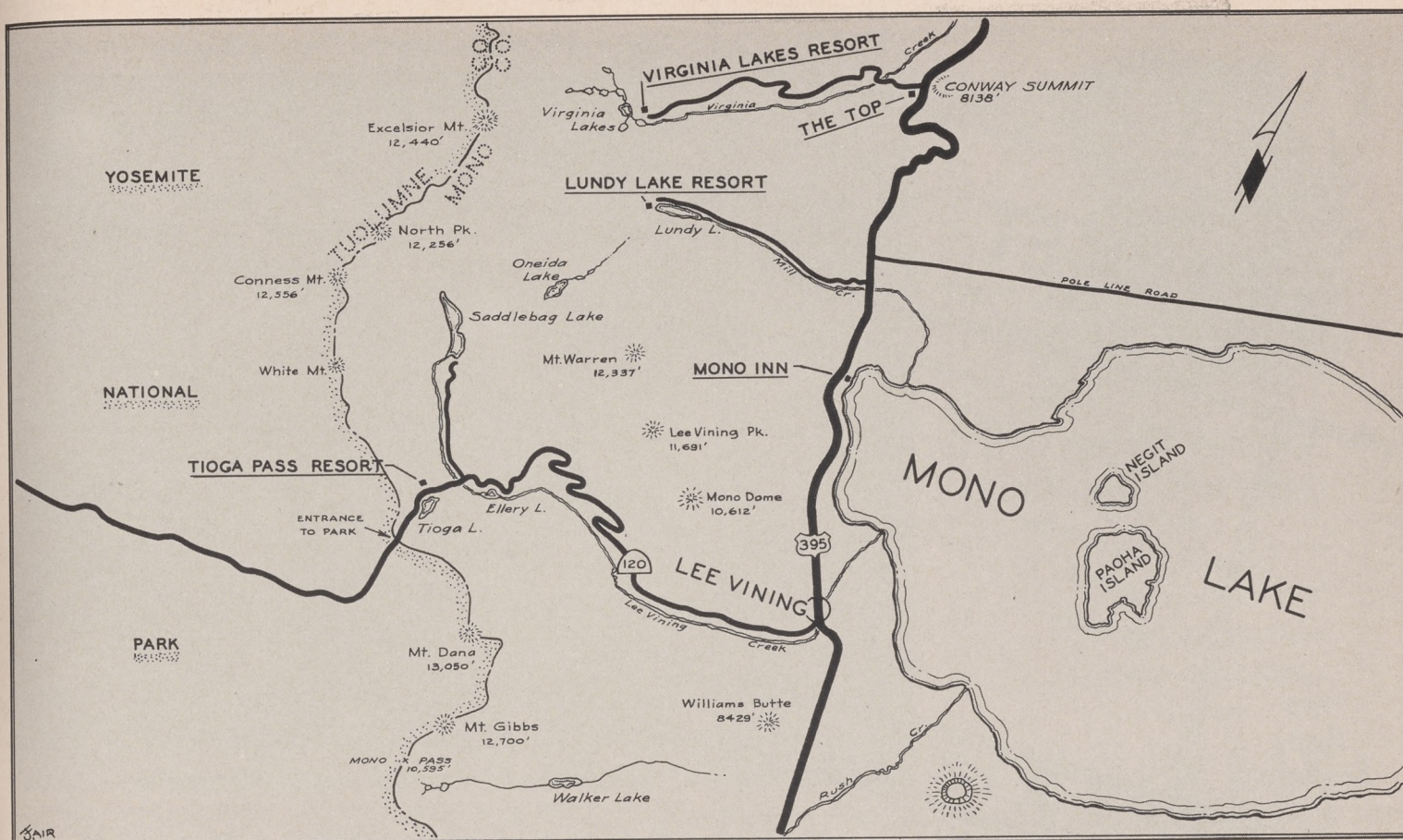
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Lee Vining, Tioga Pass, Mono Lake Section

Lee Vining is an active alpine village which serves as a headquarters for fishing and camping in the Tioga Pass district to the west and as far north as Conway Summit on U. S. Highway 395. Known as the "eastern gateway to Yosemite National Park," Lee Vining has its full quota of motels, service stations, restaurants, and stores.

If you take State Route 120 westward from Lee Vining (*it's not open during the winter*), you will follow Lee Vining Creek up to the entrance of the Park. On the way you'll find some good stream fishing and some better-than-average lake angling on such places as Tioga, Ellery, Saddlebag lakes. There's good fishing inside Yosemite, too.

All along the creek, and near some of these lakes, are excellent camping spots. And, of course, the Tioga Pass Resort serves the area with accommodations, boats, supplies, etc.

Yosemite National Park, of course, needs little introduction. It is famous the world over for its outstanding scenic wonders and thousands of people annually pay it a visit—especially the part located in the lower valley floor. But many visitors who enter Yosemite from the west never see the thrilling natural beauty of the upper road which winds its way out of the more popular part of the Park, across high mountains, past scenic streams and lakes

(*many of them good fishing*), to the eastern entrance (*or exit*) of the National Park where the road emerges as the Tioga Pass Highway. It is here that this State Highway 120 crosses the Sierra Crest at nearly 10,000 feet and gradually descends 'til it intersects U. S. 395 just south of Lee Vining.



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Lundy Lake is one of the most popular fishing spots in the Lee Vining-Tioga-Mono Lake section of Inyo-Mono. Located five miles west of U. S. 395, it is accessible by road which turns westward a few miles north of Lee Vining. Lundy is planted regularly with catchable-size Rainbows, and fishing is good. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

The Tioga Pass Highway, as it is often called, is the shortest route across the Sierras from many points in the Bay Region and in the Central Valleys of California. While the road is narrow and winding for much of its length, it more than makes up for it with its breathtaking beauty. If you like Sierra scenery at its best, you'll find it along this road, both inside and outside Yosemite National Park.

Back down on U. S. 395, as you travel northward, you see Mono Lake on the right. Mono Lake, while the largest in the Inyo-Mono area, is not for fishing. Because of the high mineral content of the water, there is practically no marine life. However, it is quite scenic and ideal for water skiing and swimming.

A few miles farther to the north, there is a turn-off which takes you in to Lundy Lake, about 5 miles off the main highway. Lundy has always been considered one of the better fishing lakes and annually produces lots of Rainbows, Eastern Brookies, and even some Browns. Lundy Lake Resort, at the far end of the lake, has accommodations, camp grounds, supplies, boats for rent, etc.

Continuing northward on U. S. 395, you will readily feel the climb to Conway Summit (*elevation 8138 feet*). Here at "The Top," you can turn westward and reach the popular Virginia Lakes area, about 6 miles away. Virginia Lakes Resort serves this area which includes Big and Little Virginia Lake, Blue, Trumbull, and other lakes. Good back-country can be readily reached by pack train from here, too. Excellent fishing usually prevails.



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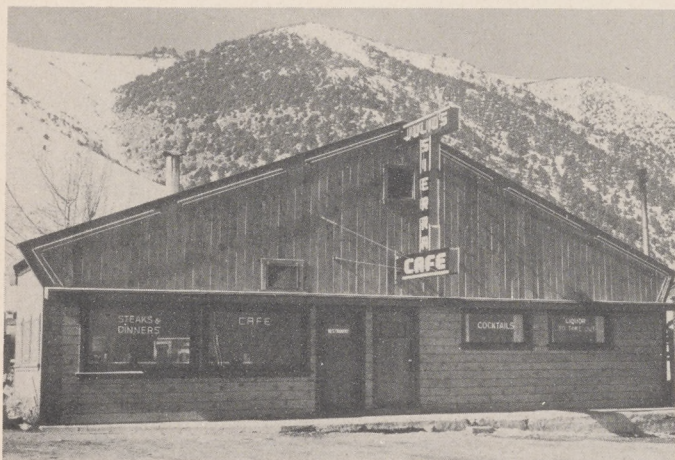
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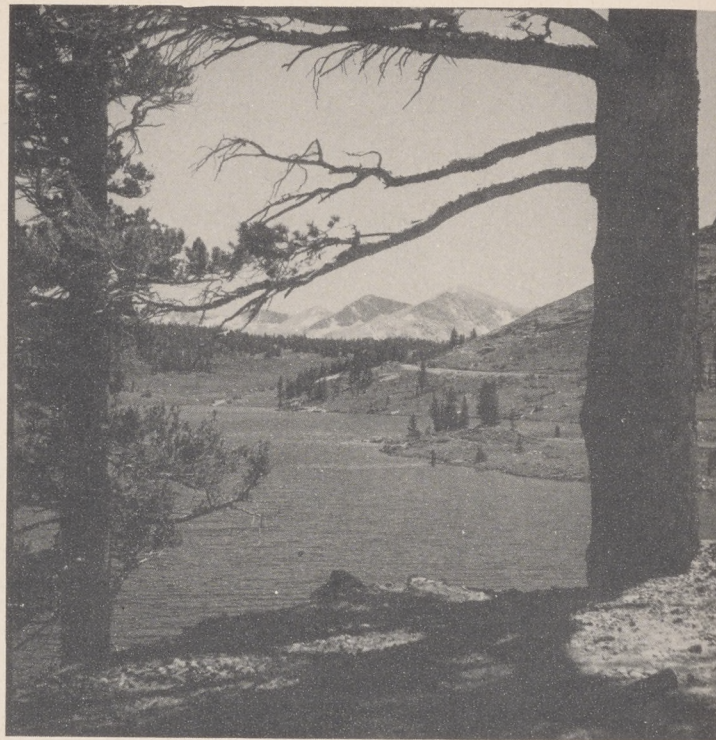


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Lee Vining, Tioga, Mono Lake Area . . .



• There are quite a large number of good fishing lakes on or near the Tioga Pass Road (*State Route 120*) which goes westward from Lee Vining to the eastern entrance to Yosemite National Park. This one, shown above, happens to be Tioga Lake. Anglers usually hook plenty of Brookies in this and nearby waters. Elevation of the lake is about 10,000 feet. (*Photo by Charles F. Barnard*).



• It's difficult to tell which is the top or bottom of this picture. Anyway, it represents a near-perfect reflection of Mt. Haverly in Lundy Lake and was taken in the Fall of 1955, after the first early snowfall. Lundy is one of the most popular of the lakes in the area around Lee Vining. And, it's easy to reach . . . only five miles west of U. S. Highway 395. (*Photo by Thomas D. Ross*).



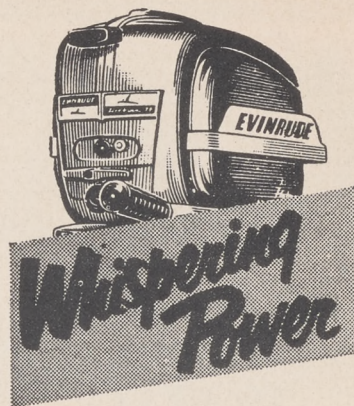
• Lee Vining Creek is a good fishing stream and anglers usually can get satisfactory results most of its entire length. It can be reached from the Tioga Pass Road. Planted heavily with catchable-size Rainbow

Trout by the Dept. of Fish and Game, it provides excellent fishing during most of the season. There are lots of good camping sites along its banks, too. Scenery is exquisite. (*Dept. of Water & Power Photo*).



• Here are three generations of the Cain family with their day's catch from Little Virginia Lake. E. S. Cain is at the right. Next to him is Bud Cain of Daly City, Calif., and two daughters, Cheryl and

Linda. Members of this family have been coming to the Sierras regularly since 1940 and the Virginia Lakes country is their favorite spot. They get their share of trout, too. (*Photo by Tom Henderson*).



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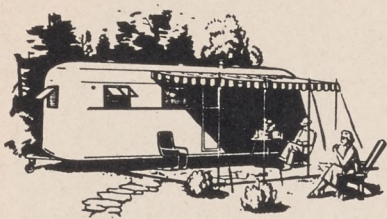
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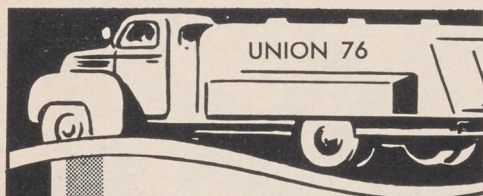
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• Mono Lake is the largest lake in the Eastern High Sierra, but the high mineral content of the water makes it almost impossible for any kind of marine life to survive. However, it is certainly quite scenic . . . as the above photo portrays. Notice the rocky formations in the foreground and the famous Mono Craters in the background. Mono Lake is popular for water skiing and swimming and has been the scene of several movies, the most recent being "Fair Winds to Java." (Photo by Tom Henderson).

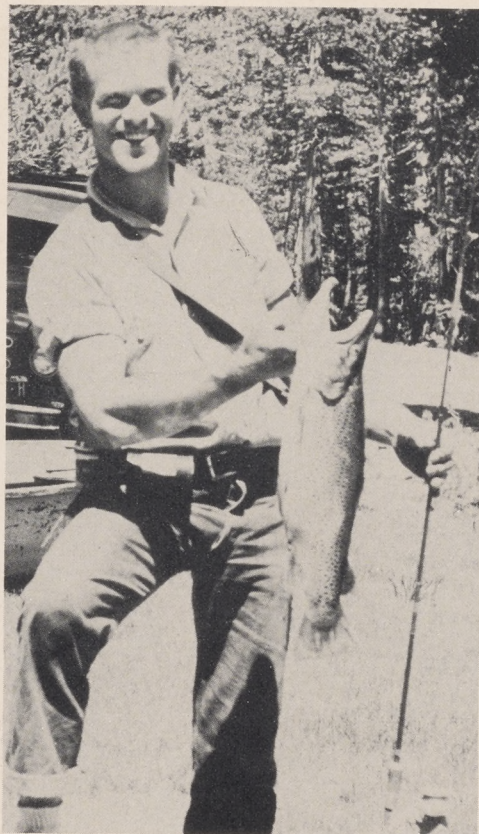


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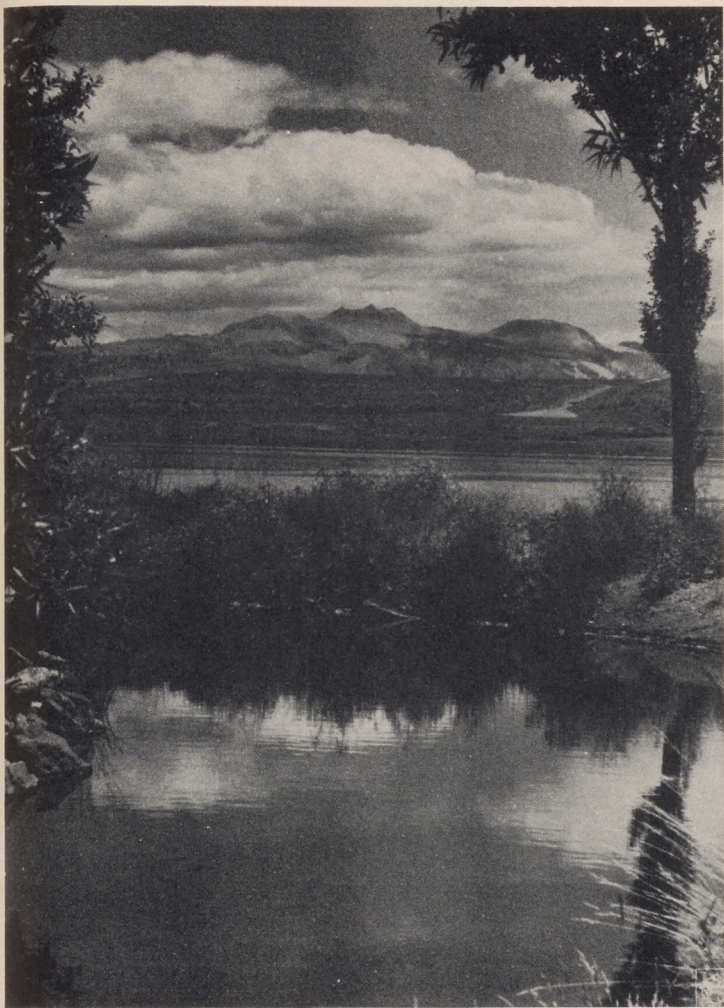
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• There are some mighty large trout in the Virginia Lakes and here's a dandy—a 6½ lb. Brownie—caught by M. R. Cowan of Pasadena in Little Virginia Lake last June. These lakes have all the advantages of back-country lakes (*which they are*), but they can be reached by a short hike from end of the road west of Conway Summit.



• John W. Meeker (*right*), an immigration officer from Chula Vista, caught this 7½ lb. Brown on Cooney Lake (*near Virginia*) in July of 1955. He was still fishing from the shore with a worm as bait. A friend, Leo Calderhead, helps him hold up his trophy. As you can readily see by their faces, both men are happy with the catch.



• Another striking view of Mono Lake, with the famous Mono Craters in the background. Actually, this picture has three distinct phases: the first, (*at the bottom*), is a pond near Mono; the second (*in the center of the photo*), is Mono Lake itself; the third, (*near the top*) includes the famous Craters. (*Fraser's Foto, Pomona*).



• Saddlebag Creek is a favorite for stream fishermen. It's located a short distance from the Tioga Pass Highway and can be fished most of its entire length. (*Dept. of Water and Power Photo*).

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• Bill Clapp of Fullerton, Calif., was a visitor at Virginia Lakes last summer. And he certainly enjoyed his trip. One of the things he liked the best, of course, was the excellent fishing. In the photo above, he's pictured as he lands a 10-inch Brownie from the shore. All of the Virginia Lakes group are good fishing and many large fish are taken there every year. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• And here's a view of Little Virginia Lake itself. Readily reached by a short walk from the end of the road (which extends westward from U. S. 395 at Conway Summit), this lake provides excellent fishing throughout the season. And, its rugged grandeur makes it a scenic attraction as well. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

Lee Vining, Tioga Pass . . . Eastern Gateway to Yosemite National Park



• ABOVE—Part of Lee Vining Creek Canyon, looking down from the top. If you look carefully, you can see the winding Tioga Pass Road (*State Sign Route 120*) traversing its way from the lower levels to the top. Tioga Pass highway usually opens up in May and closes late in October or early November. (*Fraser's Foto, Pomona*).

• LEFT—Here's an interesting photo of Tioga's Head Falls at the top of Tioga Pass. Elevation is around 10,000 feet. The scenery across the Pass, is breathtaking. (*Photo by Charles F. Barnard*).



• How's this for vacation country? It's Sierra Meadow in the Tuolumne Meadow Area along the Tioga Pass Road inside Yosemite National Park. There are many good spots along this road where you can

rest, camp, fish, and enjoy yourself. A resort in the Tioga Pass area provides accommodations, supplies, and camping spots—as well as boats for rent on several of the nearby lakes. (*Charles F. Barnard Photo*).

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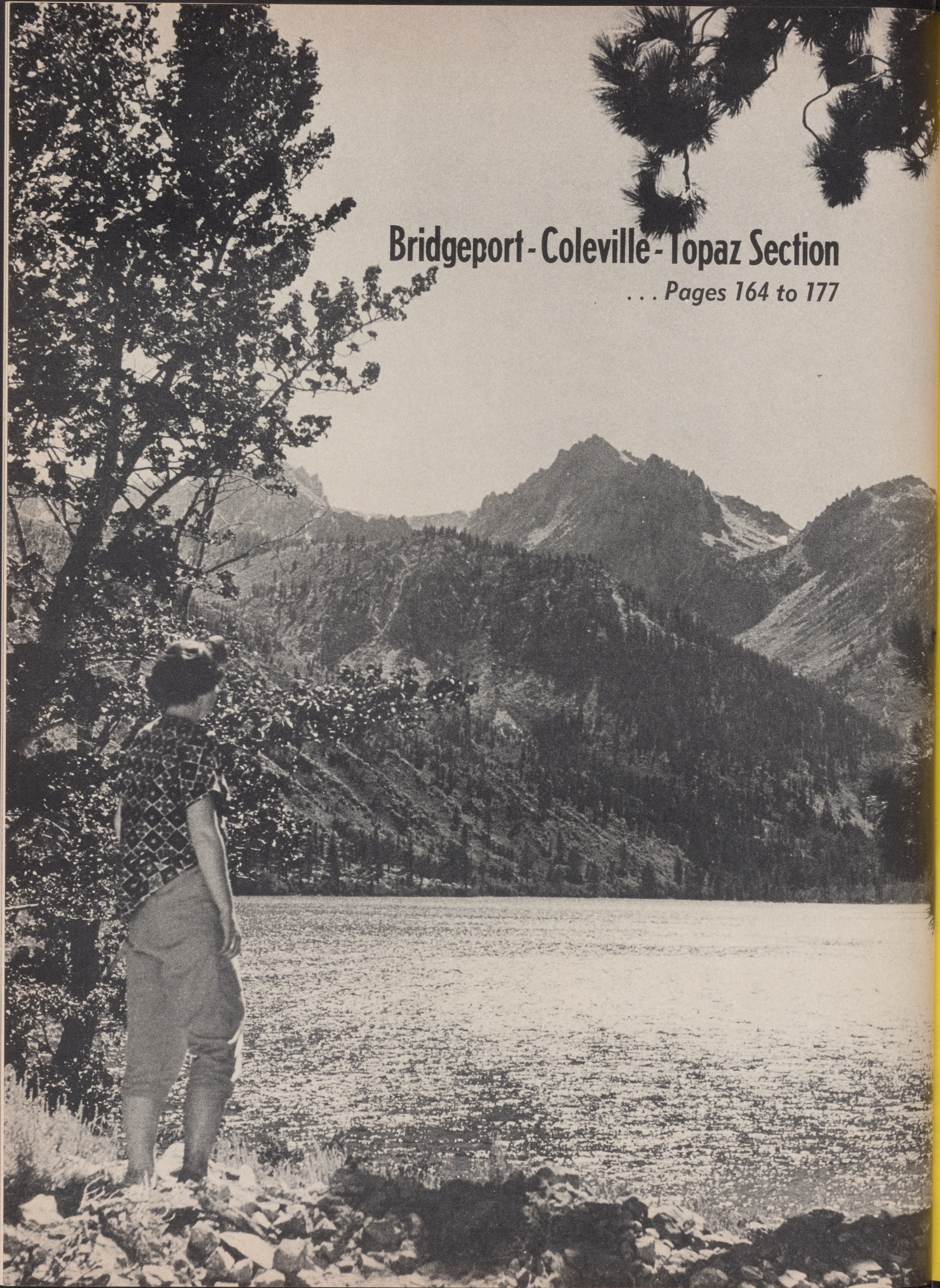
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Bridgeport, Coleville Topaz Lake Section

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Actually, we have started this section just north of the Conway Summit area, with Green Creek and Green Lakes. Some of these good fishing spots can be reached by auto on a road leading 10 miles westward from U. S. 395. You can hike to other streams and lakes in this immediate area. Or, if you prefer, a nearby pack station can supply you horses, guides, etc.

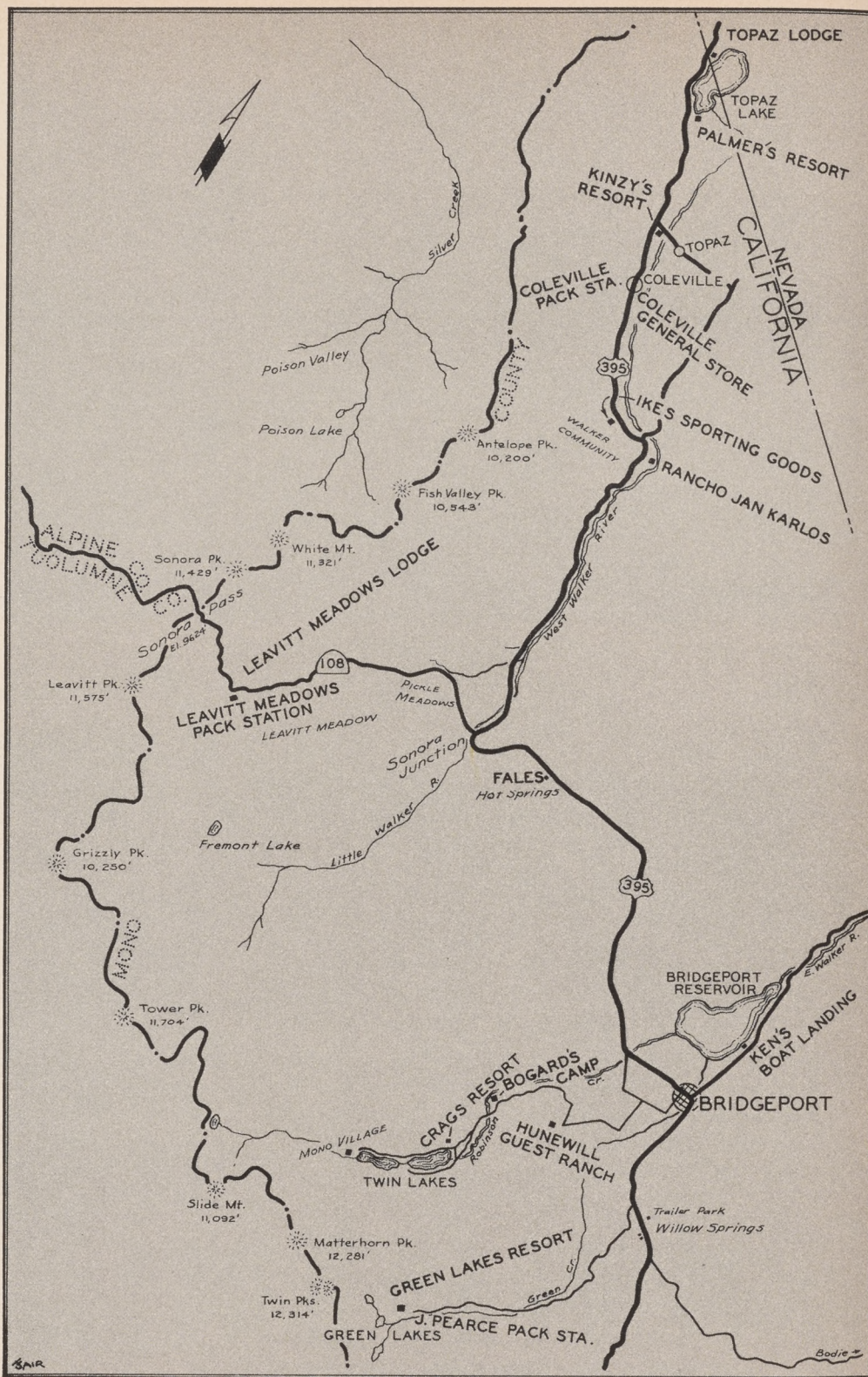
If you wish to fish East Walker River, or the Bridgeport Reservoir, just keep to the right (*Sweetwater Road*) instead of going all the way into Bridgeport. It's only three miles to the Reservoir and, chances are, you'll find some good fishing this year. The water was low in 1955, but it will probably be much higher this season. And, the Dept. of Fish and Game has stocked it very heavily with catchable-size trout—to bring it back to the fine shape it has always been. Lots of big Browns left in this "lake," too. East Walker River can be fished on past the dam and it is usually always a good spot to get the big "Brownies."

About 12 miles to the south and west of Bridgeport, on a newly-constructed surfaced road, are the Twin Lakes, probably the most popular fishing spots in Northern Mono County. Both are heavily stocked with catchable-size Rainbow Trout each year and both are usually excellent fishing. Boats and motors are available, as well as accommodations at either Craggs Resort (on *Lower Twin*) or Mono Village (on *Upper Twin*). There are camp grounds and trailer parks, too. Scenery is exquisite and there are a host of back-country lakes that can



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There are lots of beautiful lakes and mountains in the Northern Mono County Area, but one of the most scenic is Upper Twin Lake. In this photo a young summer visitor gazes admiringly at the popular lake. (Tom Henderson Photo).



be reached by hiking or by packing. Robinson Creek, which drains the Twin Lakes, is a good fishing stream.

Continuing on northward on U. S. 395, we soon come to the turn-off (*Sonora Pass Road*) and can easily reach the Leavitt Meadows area. There is good fishing here, especially in the back country lakes like Fremont, Lane, Hidden, etc.

Back again on U. S. 395, we begin to drive alongside West Walker River, one of the best big fishing streams in the area. You can fish it anywhere, from Leavitt northward to Topaz, because it is so readily accessible. There are lots of big ones in here in addition to the thousands of catchable-size Rainbows that are planted each

year. A variety of good back-country can be reached from Coleville and some of the lakes and streams are "tops" in fishing. One of the best is Poison Lake. Try it sometime when you have time for a good pack trip.

Topaz Lake is at the extreme northern end of Inyo-Mono. Partly in California and partly in Nevada, it is planted by both states (*catchable-size Rainbows by California and fingerling Cutthroat by Nevada*). There are lots of fish in Topaz and when conditions are right you're likely to catch some really big ones. And, they might be Browns, Rainbows, or Cutthroats. Good resorts in the area, on both sides of the state line.



• On Green Creek, south of Bridgeport . . . Pat Froom, 15, of Los Angeles, reaches for a pan-size trout hooked by Jo Ann Puccinelli, 17, of Stockton. Fishing is usually good on this stream and there are also plenty of well-kept camping spots, popular with the visitors, along its wooded banks. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• East Lake is a short but steep hike above Green Lake, south of Bridgeport; but the trip is well worth it—not only for the fishing, but also for the amazing scenery. Part of this rugged grandeur is evidenced in the photo above. Green Lake can be reached by road. Turn west south of Bridgeport. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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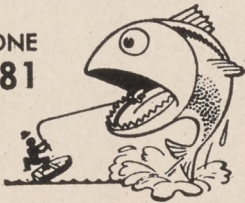
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bows at the close of last season (after destroying many of the rough fish). These trout, along with the natives (some of them quite large) are expected to make angling quite good this year. The picture above was taken across the boat landing on east side. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



● Charles Grohs, 14, of Rosemead, Calif., tries his luck on Robinson Creek, south and west of Bridgeport. Robinson is a good fishing stream which drains the Twin Lakes

and eventually runs into the East Walker River, one of the best in the area for big Brown Trout. There are fine camping spots along Robinson. (Tom Henderson Photo).



• Lower Twin Lake is one of the most popular of all waters in the Eastern High Sierra. Nestled amid lofty peaks, it is extremely scenic. And, it provides excellent fishing as well—either from the shore or boats. The Dept. of Fish and Game annually plants it

with between 50,000 and 75,000 catchable-size Rainbows which, added to the native Brown Trout, makes it good angling. Lower Twin is readily reached by a new surfaced road from Bridgeport, about 12 miles to the northeast. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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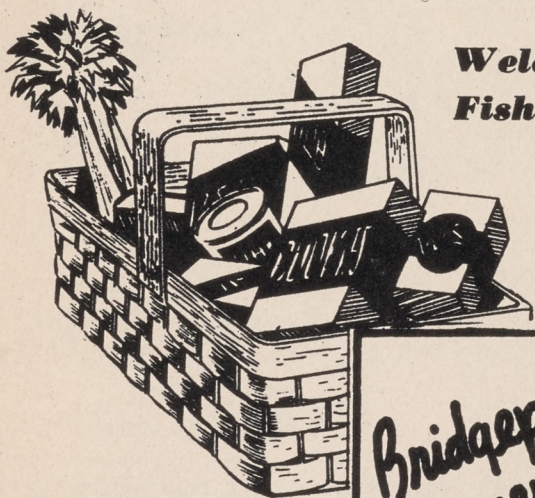
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Bridgeport, Coleville, Topaz Area . . .



• Here's another view of Lower Twin Lake, framed between two stumps. Notice the rugged peaks in the background that inspired the name for the "Craggs" Resort which has been located on the lake for more than 35 years. Elevation at the lake is 7,076 feet and it's an easy drive from Bridgeport on the new surfaced road just completed this year. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Here's a nice weight limit of trout caught by H. W. "Johnny" Heek in the East Walker River below the Reservoir in May of 1955. Heek is from Empire, Oregon. This stream should be especially good this year because many of the large Browns from the Reservoir slipped in there last Fall. And there are lots more.



• Fishing on Upper Twin Lake is usually good. In the photo above Bill Smith, 17, nets a nice Rainbow for Kay Franzen, 15, while Kay's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Franzen of San Marino, Calif., watch.

Small son, Don Eric, 5, in the bow of the boat, doesn't seem overly impressed. Upper Twin Lake is quite scenic and is easily reached from Bridgeport at the end of the new surfaced road. This lake is about 2

miles on past Lower Twin and is about 14 miles from Bridgeport. There are good shore-fishing spots along the road for those who don't care for the boats, which are available. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



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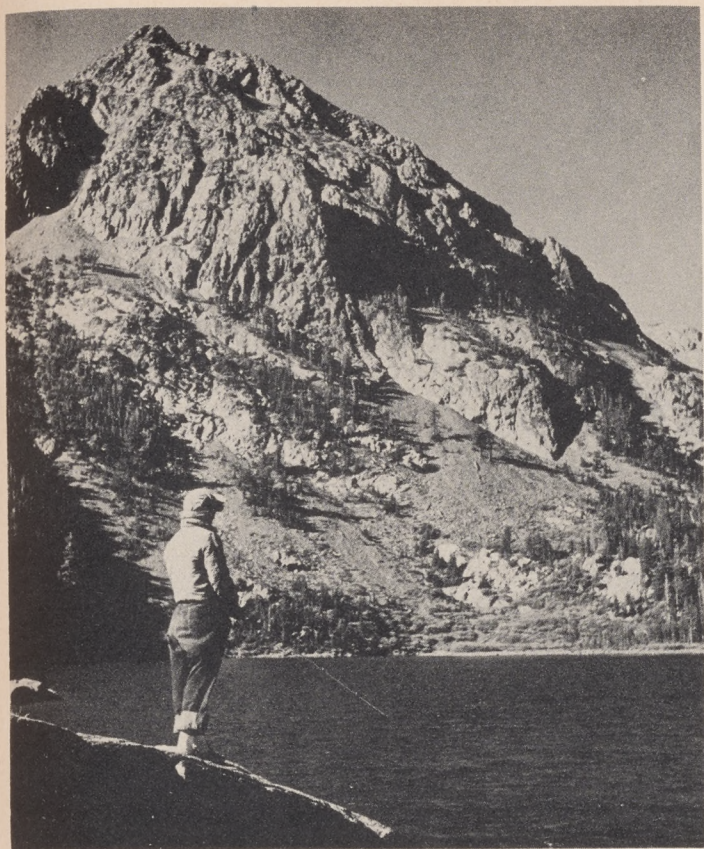
• There's nothing like a good High Sierra vacation for the youngsters. They manage to have a good time, no matter where they go. Always find plenty to do—and new ways to do it. Here two boys are paddling

their home-made raft about in the shallow water of Lower Twin Lake, not far from Bridgeport. Hundreds of families come up here each summer to enjoy the fishing and the scenery. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

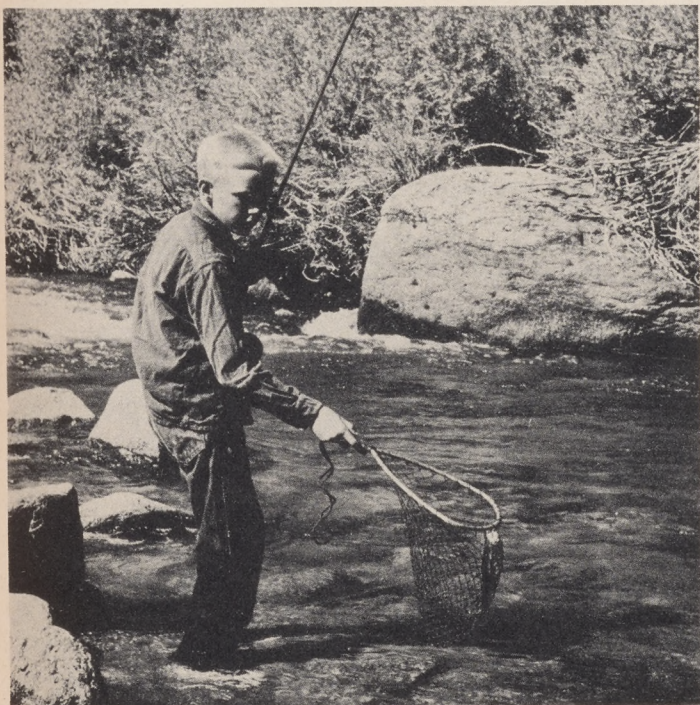


• Makes a lovely picture, doesn't it? Kay Franzen, 15, of San Marino pauses (or poses) along one of the many tributary streams in the Twin Lakes area. Tumbling down over rocks, the creek is in the back-

ground. Kay was a Twin Lakes visitor last summer with her parents and brother. And, they hope to make it back this year. "Had a wonderful time," she said. "I'll be back in 1956." (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Well here it is . . . Green Lake itself, with the typical rugged peak in the background and Jalene Thomas of Altadena trying her fishing luck. Located south of Bridgeport, Green Lake (along with Green Creek, East Lake, etc.) can be reached by road going westward from U. S. Highway 395. Distance is about 10 miles. Elevation is 9,150 feet. Accommodations are available at the resort and there are good camping spots close by. Fishing is usually quite good in this lake and in others so near they can be reached by hiking or by pack horse. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• West Walker River is known as one of the best big fishing streams in the Eastern High Sierra. Extending as it does from Leavitt Meadows to Topaz Lake, it is readily reached from U. S. Highway 395 most of this distance. Nice-sized Rainbows and Browns are usually caught in this Northern Mono County stream. In the picture above, Tim Wheeler of Alameda, Calif. nets a Rainbow in one of the good spots. (Photo by Tom Henderson).

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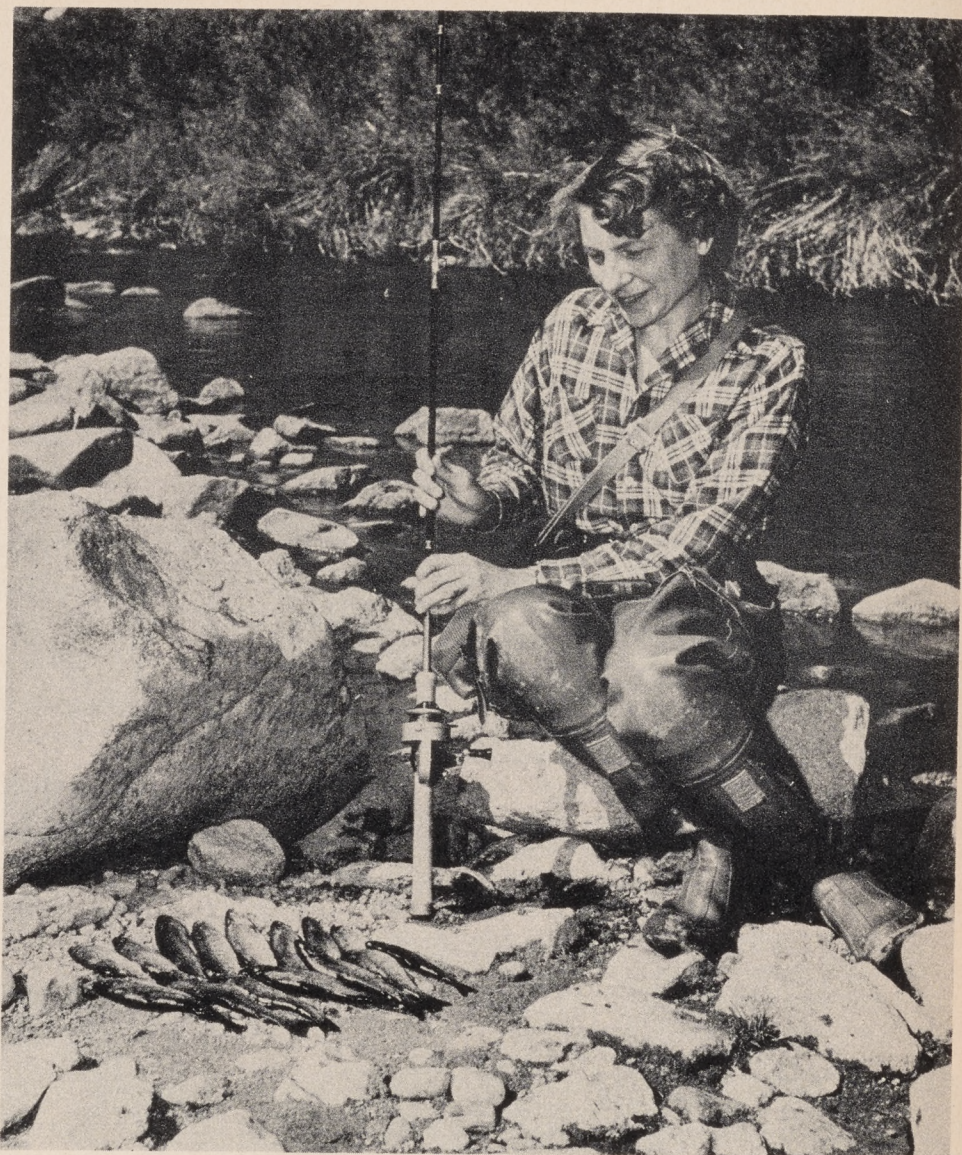
They All Have Nice Catches from West Walker River and Topaz Lake



• Daryl Lake of Button Willow is quite happy over catching this one—a dandy-size Rainbow from West Walker River near Rancho Jan Karlos. He used a Colorado Spinner.



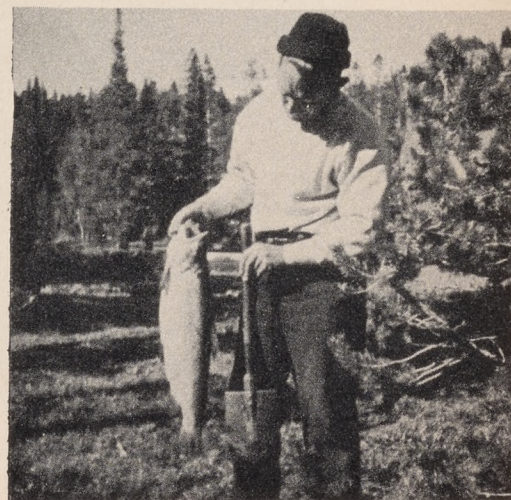
• Dewey Endeman of Bishop is pictured here with a weight limit taken on Topaz Lake last year. Dewey and his wife are both good fishermen and like to work Topaz when they can.



• Mrs. H. W. Guppy of San Francisco proudly displays her limit of Rainbows taken on the West Walker River. She, like many others, likes to fish this stream not only because the angling is usually good, but because it's easy to reach alongside the highway. The Dept. of Fish and Game annually plants West Walker with 75,000 catchable-size trout and many of these grow into fine fish. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• They all seem quite happy about it, but Larry Cavanaugh (*next to the left*) is the one who caught this 7½ lb. Cutthroat on the West Walker River, about a quarter mile from the general store, July 10. Helping him hold the trout (*extreme left*) is Max Faeth. Also pictured are Mrs. Jean Faeth and Jack Faeth (*Max's twin brother*).



• Tom Carter of Los Angeles proudly displays the 11 lb. 2 oz. trout he caught in Poison Lake. There are lots of big ones in Poison Lake and you might catch Browns, Rainbows, or Brookies. It's an excellent lake.



• What a beautiful picture this is! And, many of you will recognize it as Upper Twin Lake near Bridgeport. Note the lofty pine trees at the left and the towering

mountains at the back. There's good deer hunting in this area, in addition to trout fishing. Lots of good back-country lakes to visit. *(Photo by Tom Henderson).*



• This is an aerial view of Fremont Lake, one of the most popular back-country spots reached from the Leavitt Meadows area. Fremont is good fishing and many anglers reach it via pack train each year. In addition

to its native Brookies, it is regularly stocked with Rainbow fingerlings by plane. Lane, Roosevelt, and Hidden lakes are also good fishing spots in the nearby Sierra back country. *(Photo by Steve Lukacik).*

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• John and Elaine Ward of Tulare haul in two pan-size Rainbows from the West Walker River near Leavitt Meadows. John is 8 and Elaine 5. They love to fish. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



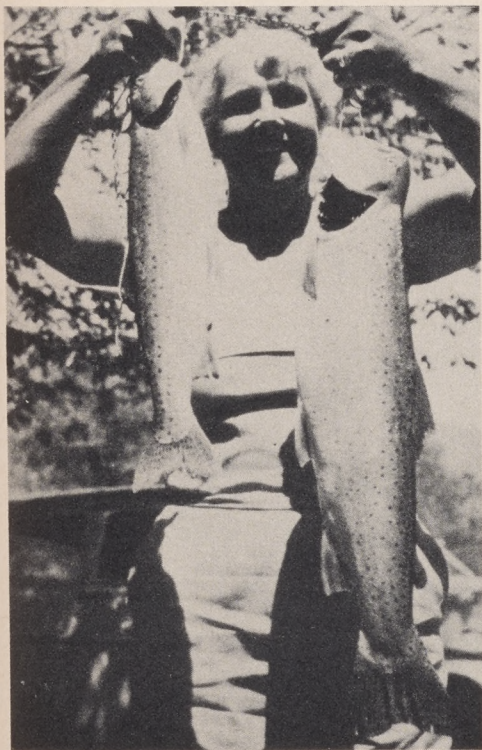
• If you think the fishing isn't fabulous at Poison Lake, above Coleville, just have a look at these two weight limits taken out of there last year. A trip into this lake is well worth the effort, but you'd better plan on riding. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Say, here they are again . . . John and Elaine Ward. This time they're in the chow line and their parents, John and Alice Ward of Tulare, appear to be getting things ready in their camp at Leavitt Meadows. "Gee, Mom, sure gets you hungry out there pulling in those big trout." (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Topaz Lake, at the northern tip of Inyo-Mono's "vacationland," is a good fishing lake. Located on the California-Nevada state line, the lake is situated partly in each state and is stocked by both. The California Dept. of Fish and Game plants it regularly with catchable-size Rainbows and the Nevada Dept. of Fish and Game stocks it with Cutthroat fingerlings. So, Topaz Lake is usually good fishing. In fact, when conditions are right, you can catch the really big ones in here. Either a Nevada or California license is good for boat fishing on Topaz. If you are fishing from the shore, better have license from state in which you are standing. (Photo by Tom Henderson).



• Mrs. George Gunderson of San Anselmo, Calif. holds two beauties—a 4 lb. and a 5½ lb. trout—which she caught on Topaz Lake June 5, 1955. Last year her husband got his photo in the Fishing Guide with a large fish caught on Topaz Lake. This year it is her turn to be so honored.

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• Mrs. Glenn Spuller of Sacramento (her husband is fish and game editor of the *Sacramento Bee*) caught this fine 6½ lb. trout on Topaz Lake April 24, 1955. Topaz Lake opens earlier than the rest of the Inyo-Mono area, to correspond with the opening of fishing season in Nevada.



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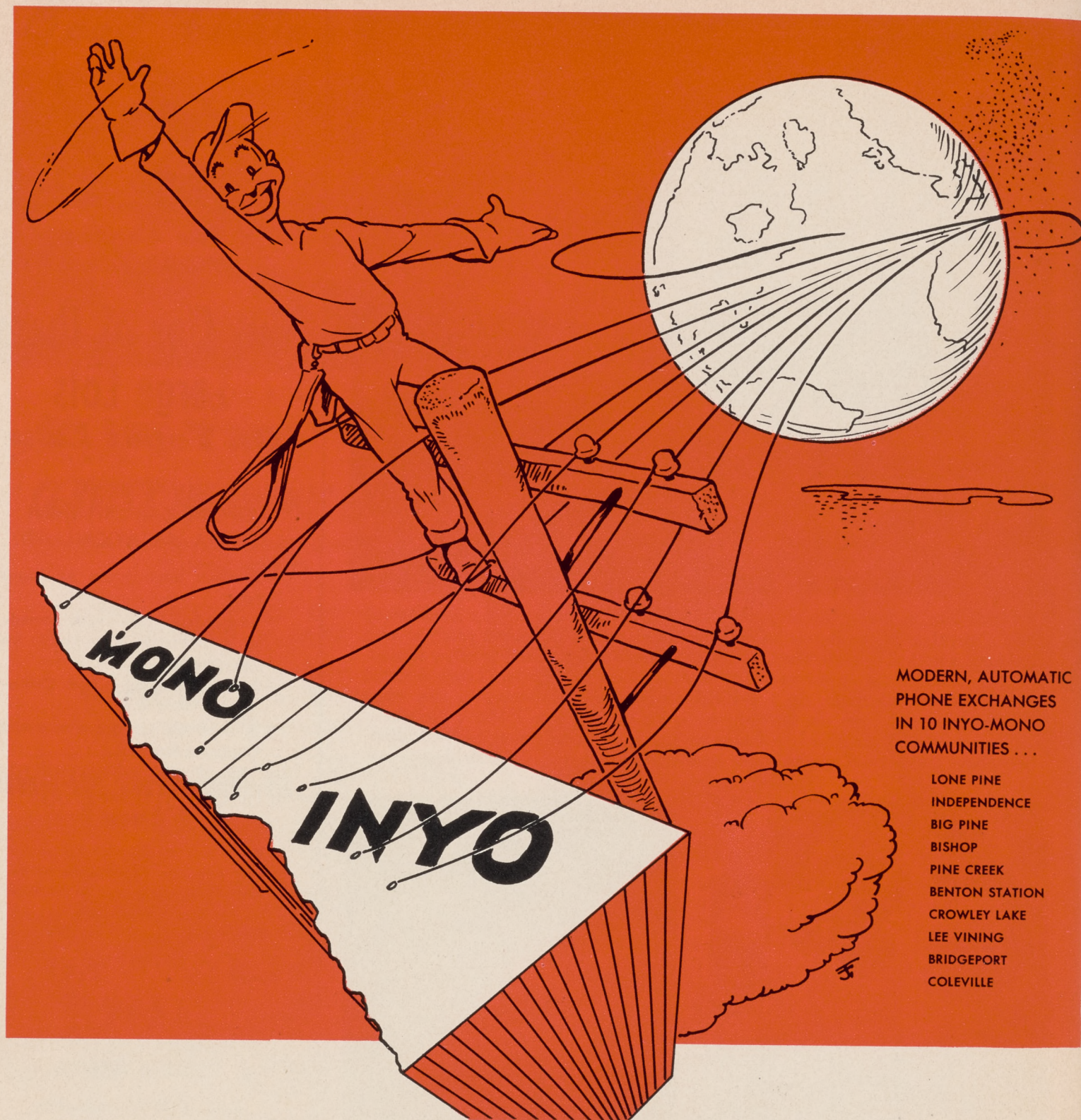
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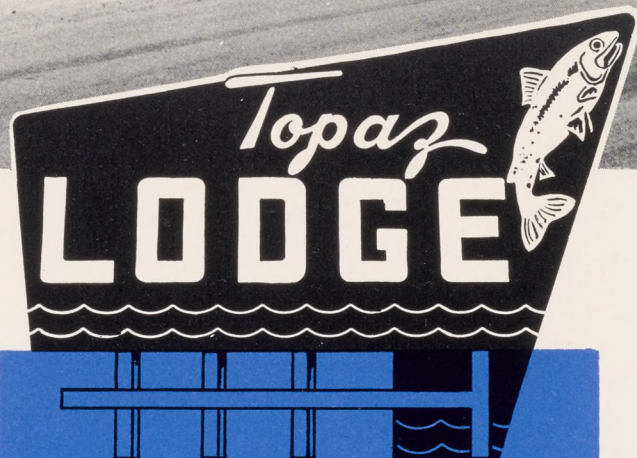
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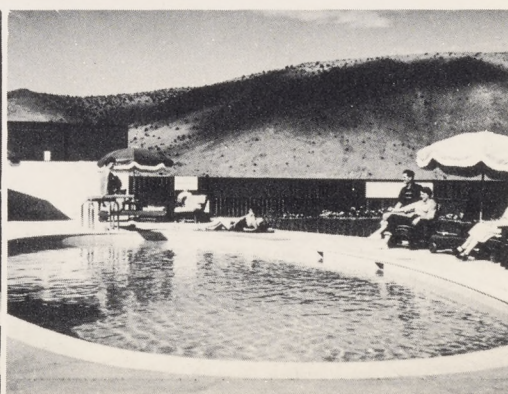
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